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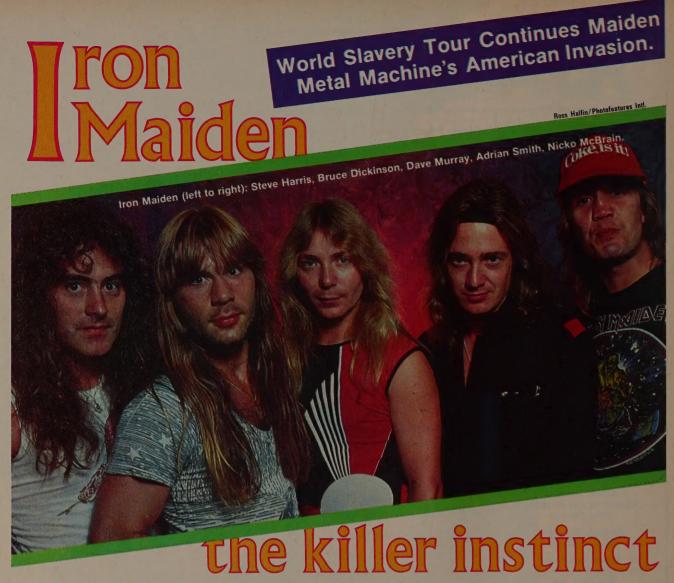
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by Christiaan St. James

he Iron Maiden quest for world domination has already eaten up a dazzling amount of mileage in its journey from the late '70s East London barroom binges to the sweeping stages of present day U.S. arenas. Even so, it's a lengthier trek by far (both in distance and time) back to the sun kissed sands of the desert, the forbidding stone tombs and the gently undulating Nile waters that witnessed the people of the pharaohs — the inspiration behind the latest, and some would say, greatest Maiden platter, Powerslave.

This is their mightest LP to date both in terms of sales and, more importantly, the show-stopping class of material enclosed within yet another excellent Derek Riggs sleeve design. The concept behind the record was born in the everactive mind of onetime history student and current Maiden vocalist Bruce Dickinson.

"The Egyptian idea came about because of my interest in religion and magic and all that weird sort of stuff - my reading habits are inclined towards that sort of thing," Dickinson explained. "And a lot of that stuff has its background with Egypt, its mythology and religion.

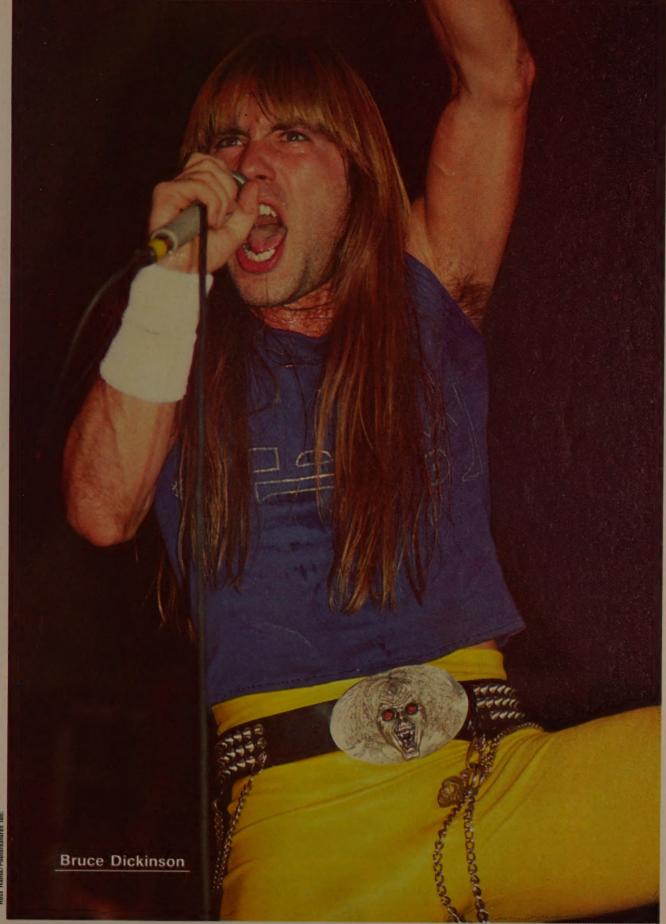
It's very strange because

although it's a civilization that died many ages ago, it still has an incredible fascination for people all over the world. Tutankhamen broke all records for museum exhibitions... I don't know what it is but there's something about Egypt and its civilization that's just magical. The idea with Powerslave was to try and get enough magic on to the album so that it'd maybe rub off on to the whole event. It seems to have worked."

Iron Maiden didn't actually set out to write a record with the pyramids in mind, but nevertheless, when the band reviewed their material the song Powerslave was the obvious contender for the LP's title.

"It had a nice catchy ring to it and it had a bit of a double meaning too; it doesn't immediately conjure up visions of Egypt, but at the same time, it sounds like a fairly muscular title for a heavy rock album," commented Dickinson. "And with the Egypt idea behind the lyrics, it's very different. Heavy rock bands, bands in general, have a habit of plundering other sources of entertainment, whether it's TV or whatever. It happens in every musical genre. So Egypt, really, was quite a valid subject.

Maiden weren't the only band to think so. If you've seen the most recent Dio road show then you'll have noticed that his stage set (and



album sleeve) aren't that dissimilar from those of Dickinson, Harris and co.: the pyramid, the Egyptian statues, the mummy, etc. However, this doesn't appear to worry Bruce.

"Dio apparently changed his mind about the album. He was originally going to do a medieval village set. Then he did a track called Egypt (The Chains Are On), which was originally supposed to be a B-side. And then they suddenly decided that Egypt was going to be the theme of their show... I don't know if they'd heard about what we were going to do. But it didn't bother us; we have confidence in our show it's got much more depth.

Always keen to beat the competition with the intensity of their live show, Iron Maiden have invested in the quality rather than quantity idea of canopying their lighting rig and leaving a little to the

imagination.

Said Bruce, "I like the idea of covering the lights with drapes. Originally, we were going to have the whole lighting system dipped in gold, but it would have been incredibly expensive. Then somebody said, 'Why don't we just cover them up?' Nobody's done that before, but it was such an obvious

"The trend for the last few years has been to try and impress people with how many lights you've got: 'we've got more of this, we've got more of that,' you know? It just so happens that we probably have got more lights than anyone else, but so what? You can have a million lights and just switch them on and

off, and that's boring!"

Just as they refuse to compromise with their show, Maiden also continue to fiercely act against the present rock policy of watering down the music to fit the airwaves. Guitarist Dave Murray suggested that the band's strength lies in the fact that, "We don't get much radio play, or at least, we haven't up to now. We've had to tour, had to play live in order to meet the kids. It's paid off for us."

Bruce is adamant that they don't intend to change their music in any way, although Powerslave has gained considerably more airplay than previous Maiden platters. "The radio stations have been going mad about it," Dickinson admitted, "but that doesn't mean we're going to do a Scorpions or anything like that: there's no ballad on the record."

Do I gather from this that he isn't too taken with recent Scorps output?

"They say they love it, that it's what they've always wanted to do, so who am I to argue? But I must confess to never having been an Eagles' fan and I remember reading "We've probably got more lights on stage than anyone else but so what?"

an interview how the Scorpions thought that the Eagles' stuff was really brilliant. Enough said!"

Of course, comparisons have naturally arisen between Powerslave and its predecessor Piece Of Mind, which did so much to establish the band in the U.S. There's certainly a difference between records, as Bruce notes, although there's not much doubt as to which one Maiden find the most satisfying

"The last album, in general... obscure was probably the best word to describe the lyrics; they were fairly off-the-wall," Bruce said. "If

you didn't know what they were intended to be about then it's quite difficult to decipher them. I don't think that's a bad thing or a good thing; just what we felt like doing at the time. I'm certainly not apologizing for it - a lot of people really enjoyed it.

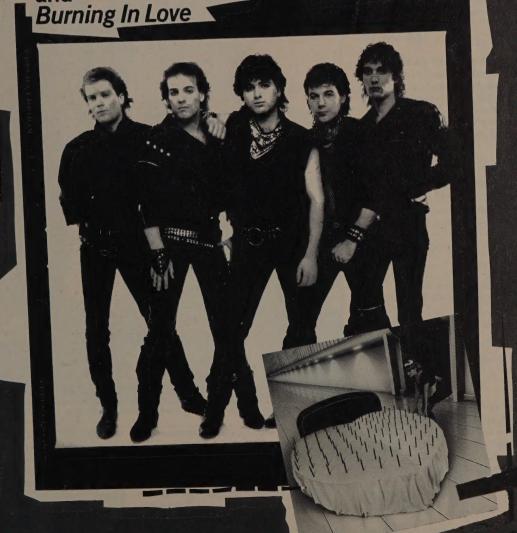
Dave Murray (left) and Adrian Smith.

Maiden's guitar duo:

"Critically, you get slagged off for being whatever — you will always get idiots who dismiss an album in four lines — but that doesn't really bother us. Powerslave is so obviously the best produced album, the best sounding album we've ever

done."

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We Read Your Mail

I am an avid Iron Maiden fan. Iron Maiden is the best heavy metal band in the world. All you who think you're into metal, open your ears. What are these groups anyway? Ratt, Motley Crue and Quiet Riot, to name a few.

I read that Iron Maiden has been cut down by Glenn Tipton. He said Maiden's guitar duo sounds familiar - bull! They sound nothing like the Priest. I like Priest, don't get me wrong, but I also think Glenn Tipton put his foot in his mouth. I also read that Iron Maiden "scares" the female "heavy metallers" away. I have one thing to say to that. All you girls who think you're into heavy metal, get your nose out of Joe Elliott's butt and open your ears.

Made In Iron Phoenix, AZ

Please, PLEASE, PLEASE when can we see a nude centerfold of Bruce Dickinson?? As an Iron Maiden fan (Powerslave is a great album, by the way) I admire him first and foremost as a talented musician; but let's face it - the man is fine!

> Wild Jazmine San Jose, CA

First, I would like to say Hit Parader is the best magazine out today. Second, Iron Maiden's new album Powerslave kicks butt! Guitarists Dave Murray and Adrian Smith have done better work than Eddie Van Halen on Fair Warning and 1984. I say Adrian and Dave are the best guitarists in the world. Good work Iron Maiden. Andy

San Bruno, CA

Lita Ford rules. She is the raddest guitarist. Screw all the people who don't like her!! She is on her way to the top and I know she's not going to stop! By the way, do you have a picture of her in the Runaways?

#1 Lita Ford Fan Yucaipa, CA

Sorry, Ritchie Blackmore is not God. I just thought I'd tell anyone who still had a doubt.

Minnetonka, MN

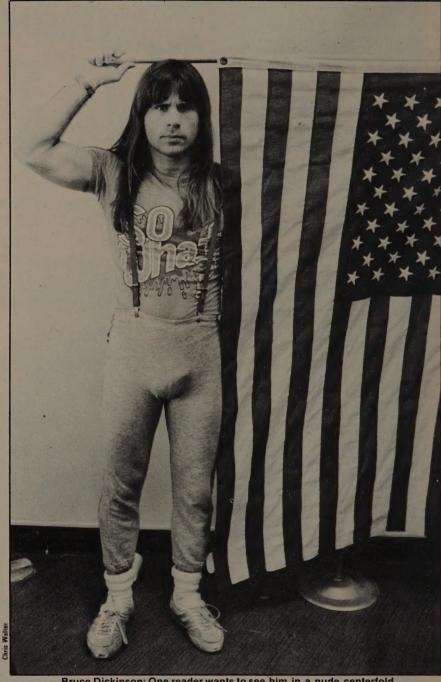
If I were Joe Elliott, I'd hang myself. Faggots don't deserve to live.

D.C. Amcher Coram, NY

Come on all you rockers what's the matter with you? We're all supposed to stick together, not put down the bands we love so dearly. Come on all you rock and rollers let's get it together and stick the word rock up the rears of all those worthless puds who still don't know any better.

> Keeper of the Faith New York, NY

I am the maternal figure every mother's son dreams of having. I don't mind heavy metal in my home and I don't drink or take drugs. There is a



Bruce Dickinson: One reader wants to see him in a nude centerfold.

"middle road" and if there isn't, I intend to make

Paula Morin Sanford, ME

I saw Judas Priest in Memphis. I went with my father, who is 42, and we both agreed afterwards that it was the best heavy metal concert either of us had ever seen.

> Andrea Miller Memphis, TN

Is this the end of AC/DC? Everybody is always counting them down and out, and every time they come back stronger than ever. While Flick Of The Switch did not sell as well as Back In Black, the material was just as good. The only end in sight should be AC/DC's production careers. Let Angus' opinion stand for itself: "We'll still take on any band in the world on stage."

> Steve Fratta New York, NY

I just started reading your magazine about a year ago and I think it's pretty good, but you have the same groups every month; Motley Crue, Van Halen, Ozzy Osbourne. They're not all that bad, but I get sick of reading about every move they make. How about some articles on Ratt, Krokus, Gary Moore, Kiss and some on different guitarists like Fernando von Arb, Gary Moore and Jake 'E.' Lee of Ozzy's band? You have too much of David Lee Roth. I'm not putting down David or Van Halen, but seeing too much of him is not good for your health.

Scott Moody Mars, PA

We are sick of looking at David Lee Roth and the socks he stuffs down his overly tight pants! Now show some close-ups of Bon Scott, Vince Neil. Nikki Sixx and Matthias Jabs. Those are real men who have real stuff instead of socks.

Sexually Deprived From Your Magazine Montrose, NY

I'm a loyal Van Halen fan, but I'm tired of David Lee Roth interviews. How about asking Michael Anthony and the brothers Van Halen about their views? Could you put an Edward Van Halen centerfold in an upcoming issue?

II Rocky Mt., NC



Edward Van Halen: Would you really rather read about him than Uncle Dave?

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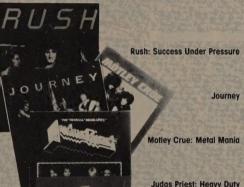
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Kiss was the most popular and versatile band of the '70s. As the '80s began, however, they lost a great deal of their following. But since their unmasking and **Animalize**, the momentum is building again, as Paul Stanley would say. When Kiss does arrive at the top of the rock world for the second time, I will have a lot of "I told you so" to dish out to my friends.

J.C.C. Lynnfield, MA

Whoever the fool was who said, "Move over Led Zep, it's now time for Def Lep," can go to hell. There will never be another group as great as Led Zeppelin. They were one of a kind.

Lori G. Miami, FL

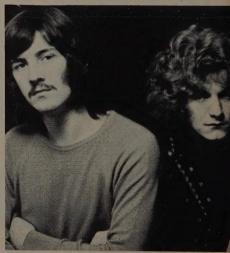
We love your magazine!! Let us have some more on Twisted Sister and Y&T, two very talented groups. We also love your articles on upcoming groups. How about new bands like Pantera, Perrenial, Rail and Great White. Keep up the good work. Let's hear more on videos too. Metal Rules.

Brett Mower Ellensburg, WA

Why is **Hit Parader** doing articles on W.A.S.P.? Blackie should know that most people



Y&T: More articles to come.



The immortal Led Zeppelin: Are

only want to see W.A.S.P. live and that their music holds up like a sieve holds water! Why don't you guys do more articles on such Los Angeles bands as Armored Saint or Savage Grace? Saint will conquer!!!

> David Lewi Santa Monica, CA

In the vocal/metal highway of life, Rob Halford of Judas Priest is a Mack truck and Joe Elliott of Def Leppard is a freshly hatched chicken who couldn't cross the road in time.

> Robin Atkinson Hollywood, FL

I'm sick of Def Leppard, Quiet Riot and Van Halen, I hardly ever see Rush, Triumph, Black Sabbath or any articles on such rock and roll greats as Led Zeppelin, Jimi Hendrix or Deep Purple gracing your pages. Screw all this new wave of metal crap and return to some good groups. Def Leppard couldn't play a good song even if someone else wrote it and placed it before them, Quiet Riot has Slade write their songs and Van Halen has to use synthesizers to fill in all the gaps. Sure, some new groups can play, like Motley Crue and Iron Maiden, but please give some credit to the groups that made heavy metal what it is now.

Eric Carpenter Tucson, AZ





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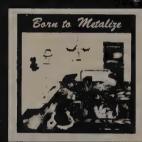
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Heavy metal happening

by Andy Secher

Billy Squier was a little confused recently about the negative response given to his video for Rock Me Tonite.
"I thought it was a good video — not great but certainly good. There just wasn't the type of reaction I was hoping for." Billy concluded that his satin sheets and high strutting style wasn't what America's rock fans wanted to see, so he's now given us a video featuring the blood, sweat and tears of a live performance.

Def Leppard's Rick Allen is continuing to improve following the New Year's Eve car crash that resulted in the amputation of his left arm. Doctors worked for over 10 hours trying to reconnect the arm through microsurgery, but their attempts proved futile. We all wish Rick a speedy recovery.

"It was the biggest thrill of my life," Ratt's Warren DeMartini said about the recent jam the band had with Aerosmith's Joe Perry. "Joe's been an idol of mine for years, and having the chance to play alongside him on stage was just unbelievable." Perry joined the Ratt pack in Worcester, Massachusets, a while back for a jam on the old R&B favorite Walkin' The Dog, which at one time or another has



Billy Squier: He's confused about the negative response given his recent video for Rock Me Tonite.

been in the sets of both Aerosmith and

Letter of the Month.

Dear Andy,

Why are rock stars so hard to meet? I'm a big Van Halen fan, and I've tried every trick in the book to meet David, Eddie, Michael and Alex. I've snuck backstage at their shows, I've waited outside their homes and I've even gotten their private phone numbers. Nothing seems to work. What can I do? I don't want to hurt them, I only want to meet them and tell them they're great. Why won't they let me?

> Doug Smith Los Angeles, CA

First of all, stop hanging out in front of anyone's house. Everyone — including rock stars — is entitled to their privacy. These guys bust their butt for you and millions of other fans for months on the road, don't you think they should be able to enjoy a little rest and relaxation away from the public eye? I know you mean well, as do most all rock and roll fans, but if members of well known groups were to speak to every fan, answer every phone call and respond to every fan letter, there would be little time left for recording new music and going on tour. If you're lucky, perhaps one day you will get to meet your heroes, but wait until the time is right, and don't force the issue.

"That's the way we show we like someone," Motley Crue's Tommy Lee said in regard to the recent biting incident which left Van Halen's David Lee Roth bearing the tooth marks of both Lee and Nikki Sixx. "We're guys, so we don't go around kissing people — except women — and a handshake is so cold. A good bite can leave a permanent impression on someone.' While Roth couldn't be reached for comment, story has it that he went to a local hospital for rabies shots "just in case."

Speaking of Roth, the blond belter has returned from his sojourn in the wilds of New Guinea, and is currently hanging around the L.A. area popping up in clubs from time to time to check out the local talent. "I like going out just to see what's going on," he said. "I don't care what kind of music it is jazz, reggae or hard rock -1 love it all. I can learn something from everything

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TV show, Night Flight, every Friday night on The USA Cable Network.

I see. And believe me, if I see something good, I'm not ashamed to borrow it.'

Twisted Sister's Dee Snider reports that his arrest in Texas a few months

back for using profanity on stage, has done little to tone down the Sister's wild stage antics. "If we were to stop cursing on stage and act like every other band, we might as well hang it up and forget it," he said. "Just because I get arrested is no reason for us to

Heavy Metal Headscratcher

What was the name of the early '70s band that featured the talents of Paul Stanley, Gene Simmons and Twisted Sister's Jay Jay French?

The group that Nikki Sixx and Vince Neil were in before joining forces in Motley Crue were, London (Sixx) and Rock Candy (Neil).

change the way we do everything. If the people in Texas don't like the way we look or what we do on stage, they shouldn't be at our show. The kids sure seemed to be getting off on it.'

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Quiet Riot's Kevin DuBrow is mad at us here at *Hit Parader*, and he wants you all to know about it. It seems a few issues back we quoted Kevin as saying that he was sorry for all the nasty comments he made about such Los Angeles area compatriots as Motley Crue, Ratt and Black 'N Blue. Upon reading the article, Kevin was on the phone telling us that he stands by his statements, and has no remorse at all about them. Sorry Kevin, we apologize.

"We're back stronger than ever, and that annoys a lot of people," Kiss' Paul Stanley said. "Some folks thought they had gotten rid of us a few years ago. They should know better than that. Kiss has never lost faith in our talents, and I think we've shown that we were very right in our assessment." With the band's recent album **Animalize** becoming one of the group's most successful LPs ever, few can deny the validity of Paul's summary. "We may just stick around for another 15 years, just to keep annoying everyone."



Ronnie James Dio: "I'll never stand in anyone's path."



Kevin DuBrow (bottom) and Carlos Cavazo of Quiet Riot: Kevin's mad at *Hit Parader* because we tried to make him sound like a nice guy.

The recent personnel switch which saw W.A.S.P. adding drummer Stephan Riley and deposing skin beater Tony Richards involved the puritanical attitudes band leader Blackie Lawless possesses toward drugs. While Blackie has been known to indulge in excesses of the sexual variety on a nightly basis, he believes that drugs and rock and roll just don't mix. "They affect your ability, and that's something I won't put up with," he said. "In this band we've worked too hard to throw it away on something stupid."

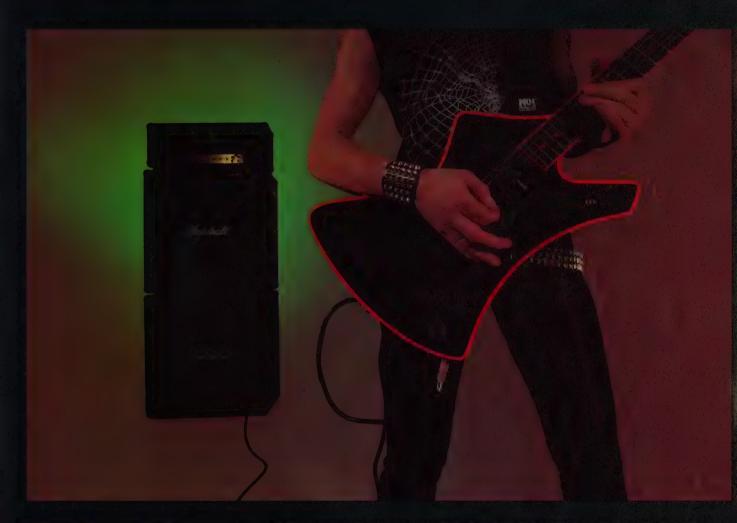
While he insists that all is harmonious within his band, Ronnie James Dio states that he would not stand in the way of any member if they decided to split and form their own group. "If someone like Vivian Campbell thought he would like to go on his own, I'd only offer whatever help I could," Ronnie said. "Everyone

in this group is an incredible talent, and I value them as both friends and musicians, but if a better opportunity affords itself, I'll never stand in anyone's path."

Queensryche's Geoff Tate admits he has very strange taste when it comes to music. Though he's the vocalist for one of heavy metal's most promising young bands, the Seattle, Washington, native insists that he listens to absolutely no heavy metal music other than that created by his band. "I'll listen to anything else," he said. "But I have no interest in listening to other metal groups. I don't want their influence, or the comparisons. I want Queensryche to stand totally apart from other bands."

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the Yardbirds. Then came Zeppelin. After that came to an end, he wanted to test his wings just like I did. He built his own studio, and he produced some music for movie soundtracks. But he wanted to get back to making music with people he enjoyed - that's where the Firm stepped in.'

After agreeing on their partnership last July, Page and Rodgers set about finding other musicians who would meet their needs. First to come aboard was drummer Chris Slade. a longtime friend whose previous credits run the gamut from the progressive song stylings of Gary Numan to the heavy metal thump of Uriah Heep. The final member of the group was to be bassist/keyboardist Tony Franklyn, a longtime associate of Page's.

"Working with a band is a very exciting experience," Rodgers said. "When everything is working right, there's an electricity that you can honestly feel. That's what Bad Company had in the early days, as did Free, and I guess I'm always looking for an opportunity like that again. A performer always wants to be involved in a project where the sum of the parts can be greater than the individuals involved. That's what makes a band great. I've been involved with enough groups to know when that special feeling is there and when it's not."

As shown by the music produced by the Firm on their debut LP, the "special feeling" that Rodgers alludes to is definitely present in large doses. From Page's inimitable guitar stylings to the rock solid rhythms produced by Franklyn and Slade, the Firm produces rock and roll that reflects the group's noble heritage. Of course, an obvious similarity exists between this fledgling foursome and the great Led Zeppelin. Aside from Page, the band's lineup; featuring a powerhouse drummer, a peerless vocalist, and a talented multi-instrumentalist seems to mirror the mighty Zep's with amazing clarity. Page, however, stresses the differences between the two bands.

"There was only one Led Zeppelin," he said. "Nothing I will do in the future will compete with what was done there. I am proud of what Led Zeppelin accomplished, but those days are gone. My future lies ahead of me, not in my past."

Whether the Firm will ever reach the artistic and commercial heights of the mighty Zep remains to be seen, but for now the mere fact that two of rock's premier talents - Paul Rodgers and Jimmy Page — have returned to the scene is benefit enough for music fans everywhere. With the group's shows packing arenas around the world, and the album proving to be one of the year's biggest hits, it seems that the Firm are well on their way to pushing aside the shadows cast by their noble past in order to create an important and lasting musical statement of their own.

"A great deal of time and effort goes into every bit of music I do," Rodgers explains. "When an equal amount of love and energy are applied, special things can be accomplished. A band is like a family in that there must be a great deal of understanding among the members. If you start playing ego games, there's no question you're destined for trouble. After putting more than 15 years into this business, I know how to make a group work - and that's to bend when it's needed. We'll all do that to make sure this group keeps working at maximum efficiency."□

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PAUL STANLEY

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GENE SIMMONS

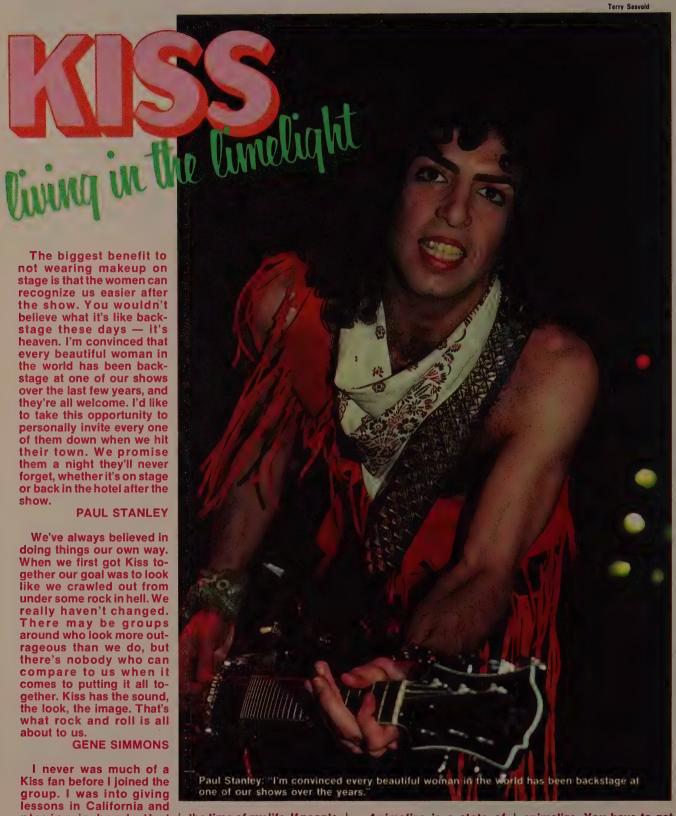
I never was much of a Kiss fan before I joined the group. I was into giving lessons in California and playing in bands that covered the musical gamut. I've played in jazz groups and pop bands, but playing heavy metal with Kiss has just been great. I'm having

the time of my life. If people had told me I'd be having this much fun a year ago, I would have told them they were crazy

MARK ST. JOHN

Animalize is a state of mind as much as it is an album title. It's a return to basics. When you want to get down to what's really important you have to

animalize. You have to get back to using your instincts like an animal. That's what we've done on this album. We've cut out anything that wasn't necessary and we



concentrated on delivering music that was loud, simple and exciting.

PAUL STANLEY

I've always had a love for movies, so going to Hollywood to make a film was a natural for me. I'm a movie trivia buff, especially horror movies. I can tell you who produced and who starred in every horror movie ever made. I realize that information like that isn't very important, but it's fun, and it makes for great dinner conversation.

GENE SIMMONS

It took me a number of years before I felt at home in Kiss. I was the first new member the band ever had, and the group's fans have never been big on change. The guys in the group were great. They were always helpful, and always behind me all the way. But I knew I had big shoes to fill — especially in the minds of the fans - and that put a lot of pressure on me. The first two years were a little tough, especially because we didn't tour America at all during that time. But thankfully, everything has worked out very well. ERIC CARR

I can't see how I can ever give up breathing fire on stage. It's become such a tradition — it's almost imperative that I keep doing it. We have given up a lot of traditions over the last few years, but some we'll always keep. Breathing fire is probably one of them. I enjoy the danger aspect of it as well. It keeps me sharp every night. I know if I let my mind wander I can catch on fire, and that's happened too many times for me to count.

GENE SIMMONS

I really enjoyed producing Animalize. It's something I've been wanting to do for a long time. We've always been involved with our albums no matter who was producing, but in the past we felt more comfortable having an extra pair of ears there to bounce ideas off of. This time we said, "Let's go for it." So while Gene was off making his movie, I decided to produce the album. I'm sure it's something I'll continue doing in the future.

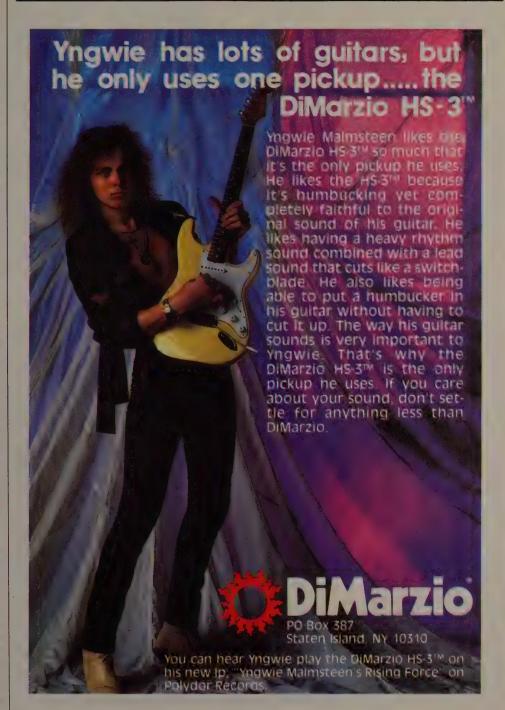
PAUL STANLEY

I couldn't believe my luck when I couldn't go on tour with the band in England last fall. We had done all this rehearsing day after day, but I had an arthritic condition in my wrist that made it virtually impossible for me to play guitar. The doctors told me that unless I laid off for a few weeks. the problem would continue. So I had to pass on the English tour in order to get myself prepared for America.

MARK ST. JOHN

People always ask me how I can keep playing rock and roll after so many years. They wonder why I want to stay on the road for nine months at a time. The answer is easy — I love it. We're treated like royalty wherever we go. We stay in the best hotels, eat in the best restaurants and meet the most beautiful women. Why would I want to give that up? I know that as soon as I'm home for a few days with nothing to do, I start getting the itch to go back on tour. That's where the excitement is for me, and there's nothing in the world that can match it.

PAUL STANLEY



We've caught so much heat from everyone over the years. We've been called satanists, hedonists and communists. The truth of the matter is that we're a rock and roll band. We're entertainers who will stop at nothing to deliver the best show we can night after night. We don't know what the word "no" means. When people say it can't be done, that's when Kiss wants to do it. When people said we'd be finished if we took off our makeup, that's when we knew we had to do

GENE SIMMONS

Playing drums with Kiss is a challenge because everybody in this group plays a lead instrument. I'm the one in charge of keeping the rhythm going. That's fine with me. I'm given plenty of opportunity to step out and get my recognition.

ERIC CARR

The success we've been having lately is very re-warding. We've gone through a number of peaks and valleys over the years, but this is one of our highest plateaus. Animalize sold more copies in its first few weeks than any other album in Kiss history. That means a great deal to us. We made the decision to take charge of our careers a few years ago. We had depended on managers and advisors for a long time, but we finally said, "This is our life, let's live it the way we want to." Many people thought we couldn't do it. Once again we proved our detractors wrong.
GENE SIMMONS

I love it when I look around and see all the bands who are having success by wearing makeup on stage. It proves that what we were doing 10 years ago is still viable. It also shows that we've had a big impact on rock and roll. That's a nice feeling. We've been able to move beyond that stage now, but it's nice to know that what you've worked on for so many years has left its mark. □

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Molly Hatchet (left to right): Danny Joe Brown, Duane Roland, John Galvin, Bruce Crump, Riff West, Dave Hlubek.

Molly Hatchet still going strong

by Rob Andrews

The year was 1979, and Molly Hatchet — a sextet of good of Southern Boys from Jacksonville, Florida — were standing in front of 20,000 crazed fans in New York's Madison Square Garden. The band's second album, Flirtin' With Disaster, had gone over the platinum sales mark, and their first headlining national tour was a sellout success. Yet, just as the group seemed prepared to emerge as the preeminent boogie band in the world, Molly Hatchet hit the skids. Now six years later, it's a new beginning for this band of beer drinkers and hell raisers.

"What's happened with us is a long, long story," vocalist Danny Joe Brown said as a wistful smile creased his face. "We were young and successful, and we didn't know what was going on. That's about the only way I can describe what happened back then. It seems like a million years ago, and in many ways it is. We've all grown up a lot since then. We realized that we're not in competiton with one another — we actually need each other if we're going to be successful."

As Brown stated, the tale of Molly Hatchet's rapid fall from grace is one of the stranger tales of deception, lust and greed ever chronicled in the annals of rock.

Depending on who you believe, following the success of Flirtin' With Disaster, Brown was either thrown out of the band, quit due to questions he raised about the band's financial makeup or voluntarily retired due to diabetes. Even today, the band's members are reluctant to divulge the real reasons for the group's sudden breakup.

"I was sick," Danny said. "But there were other things that really forced me to leave the band. I noticed some things going on that I didn't like, and when I voiced my feelings to our manager, he got a little edgy. The next thing I knew I was being told the group didn't need me, and that they had a new singer (Jimmy Farrar) in Molly Hatchet. The story that I was sick was put out as a smoke screen to hide what was really going on. It's old news now, and everything's been straightened out. That's why I'm back, and Molly Hatchet's stronger than ever."

"We thought we were really hot," guitarist Dave Hlubek added in a lazy drawl. "We didn't think anyone or anything could hurt us. We were blind. We saw Danny Joe opening his mouth and we said, "We don't need that." We probably were wrong. But we're southern boys who often think with our fists instead of our heads, and we decided to fight instead of talk it over and see who was wrong and who

was right. It took us nearly four years to patch up our differences, and the break almost cost us all our careers. But we've all profited from the experience — both personally and musically."

Judging by the band's latest album, The Deed Is Done, Molly Hatchet have returned to the hard-rocking form that first won them fame in the late '70s. From the classic warrior cover, to the riveting sound of Straight Shooter and Satisfied Man, the Hatchetmen have come back to the rock and roll scene with one of their most powerful LPs ever.

'We've got a lot of time to make up for," Brown explained. "We don't see why we can't get back to the position we enjoyed a few years ago. There's really no other band around that's playing music the way we are. So-called southern rock hasn't been heard much lately because the bands that played it, like Lynyrd Skynyrd, .38 Special and Blackfoot have either disappeared or gone in a more commercial direction. We're still loyal to our roots, and we're proud of them. When Molly Hatchet starts to rock and roll there's no mistaking who it is. We've never sounded like anybody else, and we never will. All I know is the bad days are behind us, and the future looks very bright. We're fighters in this band, and we're prepared to fight our way right back to the top."

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by Andy Secher

Sometimes it seems that heavy metal has turned into a fashion contest. Groups with mounds of perfectly coiffed hair and shining black leather battle with bands who seem more concerned with their makeup than their musical output. If this is so, then thank goodness for bands like Grim Reaper; a group who has dismissed the "pretty boy" look in favor of ballsto-the-wall metal. As shown on their debut album, See You In Hell and their recently released Fear No Evil, this four man British noise brigade have confounded numerous detractors to emerge as one of the surprise hits of the hard rock season.

"Our success in America just floors us," the group's guitarist Nick Bowcott said as he sat in his record label's New York offices. "We never even expected the album to come out over here, let alone move up the charts. It's been the most amazing experience of my life. Everybody dreams of getting a band together and then releasing an album. If you're a real dreamer you think about

the album becoming successful around the world. I've always considered myself something of a realist, so my goals were just to get a record out in England. Everything else that's happened has been an absolute bonus."

Formed in Droitwich, England, by Bowcott, bassist Dave Wanklin and drummer Lee Haris six years ago, Grim Reaper floundered on the British club circuit until they added vocalist Steve Grimmett in late 1982. Suddenly the band's music seemed to come together, with Grimmett's vivid lyrical imagery providing the band with a musical and visual focus that they had previously lacked.

"I was in a lot of local bands before joining Reaper," Steve explained. "Then when I met up with Nick and the boys it was like magic. We really didn't know each other very well before I joined, but it seemed like we were all on the same wavelength. We started gigging around London and we were able to get a pretty good local following. Their support made us enter a 'battle of the bands' contest that a local radio station was running. We were one of 35 bands who entered, and we won. That's when we first started believing we could be something big."

Following their "battle of the bands" victory, the group sent a demo tape to Darryl Johnson,

president of Ebony Records — one of England's leading heavy metal labels. Johnson was so impressed by the band's efforts that he not only signed the group, but he produced **See You In Hell** himself. While it took the band only four days to record the LP, as Bowcott explained, the band didn't need any more time in the studio — they knew what they wanted, and more importantly, they knew how to get it.

"We'd been playing live for so long that we knew every song inside out," he said. "We could have done them in our sleep if necessary. We believe that our type of music doesn't need weeks of production and take after take. We like to get in, lay it down, and then get out. That's the attitude we're always going to keep."

With the success of **See You In Hell** opening doors for Grim Reaper on both sides of the Atlantic, the band has now released their second LP, **Fear No Evil**, which continues their tradition for creating some of the tightest, hardest, most hook laden metal melodies around. Now, with two albums under their belt, Grim Reaper is prepared to tackle their next major hurdle —touring America.

"We came over and played a number of clubs after See You in Hell came out," Grimmett said. "But we waited until the second one came out before planning a major tour. We'll be going on the road as a special guest," and that's fine with us. We can reach more people opening for a major band than we could by playing clubs for a week. We're looking forward to the opportunity. After all, when you've come as far as we have so quickly it's like you're on a ride in an amusement park. You don't ever want to get off." □

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by Don Mueller

Nothing ever seems to faze Nikki Sixx. Let him crash his sports car into a telephone pole at 70 mp haired bassist will merely dust himself off before resuming his journey. Have 10 lusting fembackstage, and Nick The Quick will simply tell them to take numbers and wait their turn.

Unquestionably, Sixx lives life at a mile-a-minute pace, yet there always remains time for one thing: his music. As Motley Crue's principle songwriter, much of the pressure for the band's creative output seems to rest on his shoulders. But true to his lifestyle. Nikki just shrugs off the pressure with a casual smile. "When you've lived the kind of life I have. writing a song isn't pressure. I've had my life threatened more times than I can count — that's pressure." Hit Parader recently had the chance to catch up to Nikki as he was working on material for the Crue's newest vinyl opus, an album that should be out any day.

Hit Parader: Nikki, what inspires you to write

Nikki Sixx: Everything that goes on around me. If there's a chick who I really dig, she might pop up in one of the songs. If there's a movie or a TV show that's impressed me, maybe that will become part of a tune as well. I'm a product of disposable culture — you know, junk food, TV and trash movies. So a lot of the music I write reflects my lifestyle.

HP: How does the new album differ from **Too Fast For Love** or **Shout At The Devil**?

NS: It's better. We're not wandering too far away from the sound people have become familiar with. Every album we've done has been a progression from the one before it. We never wanted to have Too Fast For Love come out on a major label. We had already recorded most of Shout At The Devil by then and we wanted to release that instead. But the label said to us, "This stuff's great, let us release it first." So they gave us a lot of time to get things ready for our third album. It's a big leap over the first two. We really know what the people want to hear, and we're giving it to them.

HP: How has the success of your first two albums affected you?

NS: It hasn't affected me at all. The only





The Crue (left to right): Tommy Lee, Vince Neil, Nikki Sixx, Mick Mars.

difference is that I have more women than ever wanting to be with me. The only other difference is that I see a lot of people in clubs who have begun copying the way I look and the way I dress. But that's okay. There's only one person like me - and that's me - so I don't worry about the imitators.

HP: What about the money? Obviously selling a million albums has given you a lot more loose

NS: That's not true. I haven't seen that much of the money. I'm not saying I'm hurting — I can buy the things I really want — but it's not like I'm a millionaire who can have anything. I just bought myself a black Corvette, but that's about my only extravagance. Most of the money we make goes right back into the band. We've got to keep ahead of the competition, so we put our profits into new equipment and new gear.

HP: What was your biggest surprise in the last year?

NS: That's tough to say. We had a lot of momentum build up in a hurry, so it's hard to pick out any one big surprise. Maybe it was that we were able to start headlining shows as fast as we did. We had the chance to go out with Ozzy Osbourne as his opening act, and we learned a lot. But we had headlined some dates in the Southwest before that, so we knew we could draw a crowd and put on a good show.

HP: But what about the press reaction? It seems as if you were always in the center of some media scandal.

NS: The press can only help us. Any time anyone picks up a pen and says anything about us, it's good press. We don't care what they say, because there's nothing you can say about this band that can hurt us. Maybe if it came out that

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Mick goes home and drinks warm milk every night, that would hurt our image (laughs), but that's about it.

HP: Sometimes it seems like Motley Crue has already done it all. How do you top the reaction and the success you've had in the last year?

NS: We don't think that way. We've only begun to show what we can do. We're interested in the stage show, and we love the attention we get—especially from the women — but the bottom line is how good the music is. If we put out an album with songs that stink, we're not going to have much success no matter how outrageous we may look or act.

HP: What tricks do you have up your sleeve for 1985? What can we expect to see when the Crue invade America this year?

NS: I'd rather not discuss our stage plans, only because they're going to have to be seen to be believed. We have some absolutely incredible things we want to try, and as I said before, we're prepared to put a lot of money into bringing the ideas we have in our minds to life.

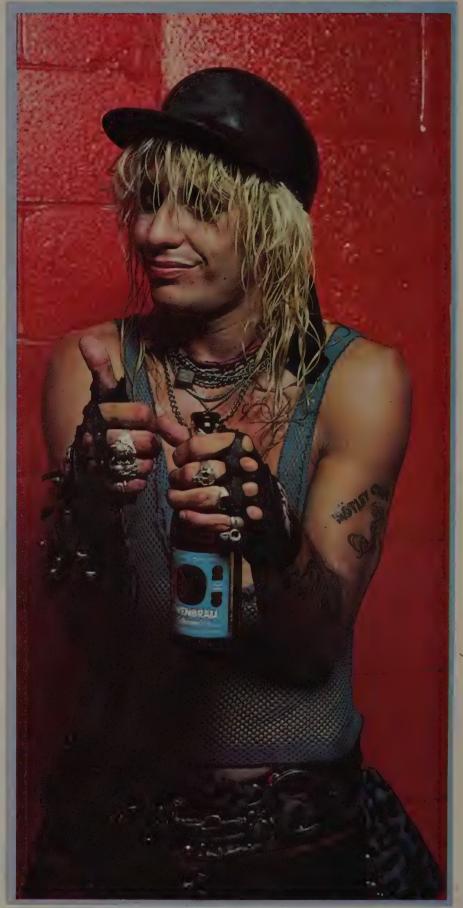
HP: In many ways you're the leader of Motley Crue, how does the rest of the band react to that?

NS: We have our differences from time to time, but it's not about who's the leader of the band. We know what we have to do to be successful, so we don't need one guy telling everyone else what to do. Tommy and I formed the band, but we're all equally important to its success. I do write a lot of the songs, but that doesn't necessarily make me any sort of leader. Anyway, Motley Crue believes in doing away with authority and authority figures, so why would I want to be any sort of leader?

HP: Is there one thing in particular you'd like to see Motley Crue accomplish in the next year? NS: Yeah, I'd like to see us meet every chick in North America. If we really put our minds to it, I know we can accomplish that.

HP: How about in a business sense?

NS: I'd like to see this album do better than the last one; not because it means more money, but because it means that we've reached more fans with our music. That's our main goal. We want to have more people buy our records and come to our shows every year. If we can keep doing that, there will be no stopping us. We'll be lethal.



Vince Neil: It's easy to see why this man is the heartthrob of millions.

Roots

JOE ELLIOTT

by Andy Secher

Each month Hit Parader journeys back in time with a rock and roll celebrity. This month's time traveler is Def Leppard's inimitable Joe Elliott.

160 miles north of London, England, lies the bustling industrial town of Sheffield. Known for producing some of the finest steel in the world, the city had little other international renown before Def Leppard emerged in 1978 to put Sheffield squarely on the rock and roll map. Vocalist Joe Elliott, in particular, has vivid memories of his hometown — a place he rarely gets to see these days because his time is taken up with recording Def Leppard's latest LP (due in May) and touring the world. But no matter how far Joe and the rest of the Leps may travel. Sheffield will always be home.

"It's a tough town," Joe stated. "It's the kind of place where you try to find a way out at a very early age. A lot of the English industrial towns are like that. You grow up looking for something that will allow you to go to London or someplace where you're not destined to work in a steel mill. I don't want to give the impression that I don't like Sheffield — I love the place, and I'm proud to call it my home — but there were times when I felt it was keeping me from achieving what I wanted in life."

Joe stresses that his early years were notable only for their "total predictability; nothing very exciting was going on." Not one to join gangs or roam the streets at night, Joe divided his time between his school work, playing soccer and learning the drums. When school ended, Elliott turned his attentions to driving a truck, a career he admits, that might still be his if it weren't for rock and roll.

"I drove a van for a number of years when I got out of school," he said. "It was a way to make a living, and it gave me the freedom to play with the band. I used to take the van home with me and drive the band to the gigs every night. Sometimes we had to go 60 or 70 kilometers to a show, but that never stopped us. We'd get home at 4 or 5 in the morning, get a couple of hours sleep, and be at work by 7. It



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was an impossible life, so after a couple of months of that we said, 'Let's take a big step and try to make this band work on a professional level.'

"That's when we did the **Getcha Rocks Off** EP," he added. "We just did it out of desperation. We took all our gear into this local recording studio and played as hard as we could for 10 straight hours. It was a ridiculous way to work, but it got the ball rolling for us."

Elliott believes that if his rock and roll career had not taken off, he had one alternative other than continuing to drive a van. He studied graphic design in school, and his artistic skills remain one of his great pleasures. In fact, it was Joe's comical drawing of a cat with a hearing horn attached to its

ear that gave Def Leppard its unusual name.

"I always loved to draw, and at one time I considered trying to make a career out of it, but I liked rock and roll more," he said with a smile. "I used to draw these large posters of whatever came into my mind, and one of them was of this jungle cat with a big hearing horn. I don't know why I drew that, but it always struck me as a funny concept. The guys in the band loved the drawing, and they called it the deaf leopard. From there it's pretty easy to see how we got to Def Leppard. I imagine I'll always draw. I find it to be very relaxing. But right now my only priority is rock and roll - my hobbies can wait until I'm finished with that."□

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by Charley Crespo

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Joe Lynn Turner: "Oh no, the fat men are back!"

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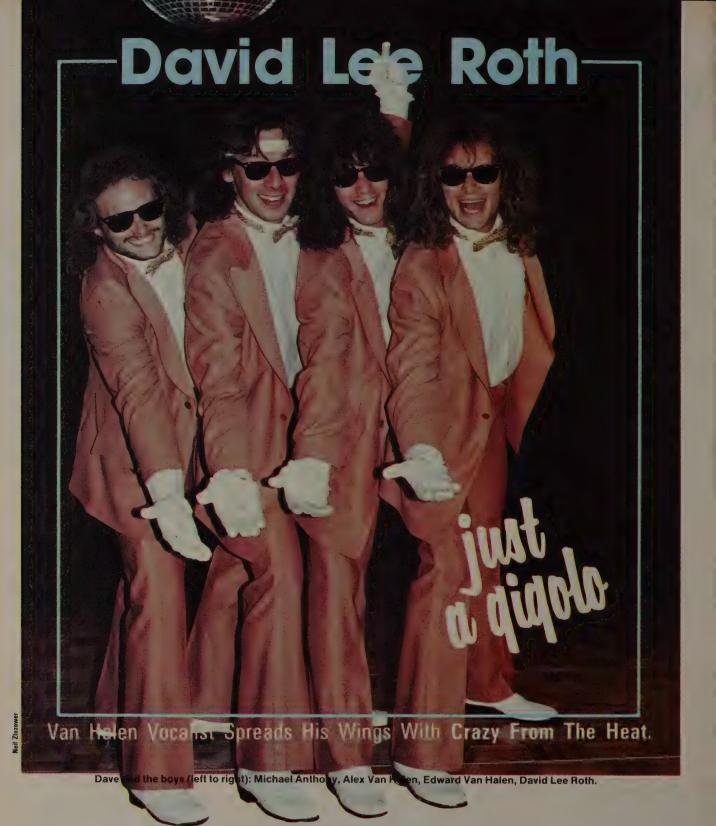
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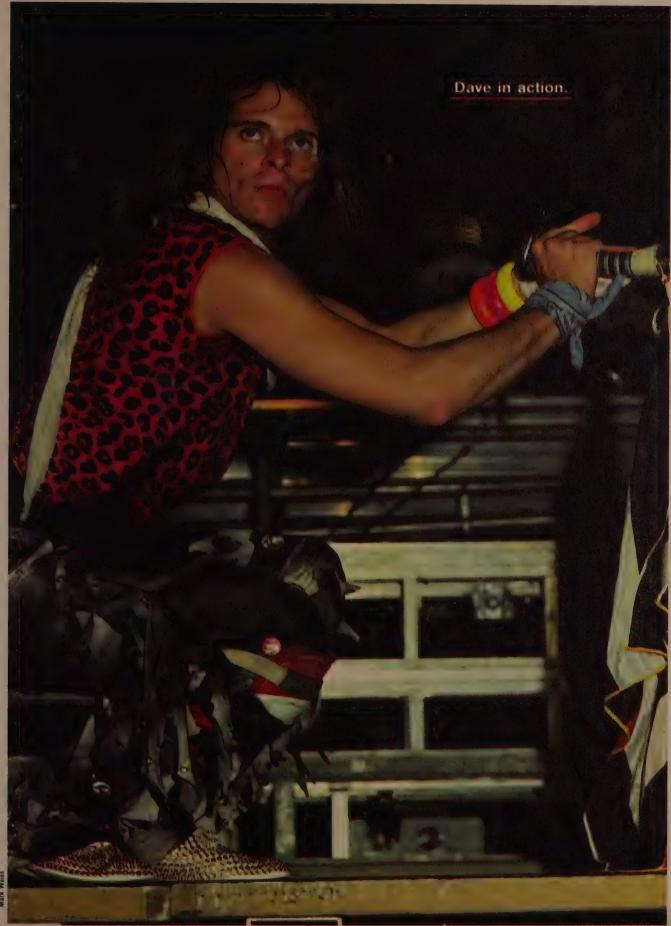
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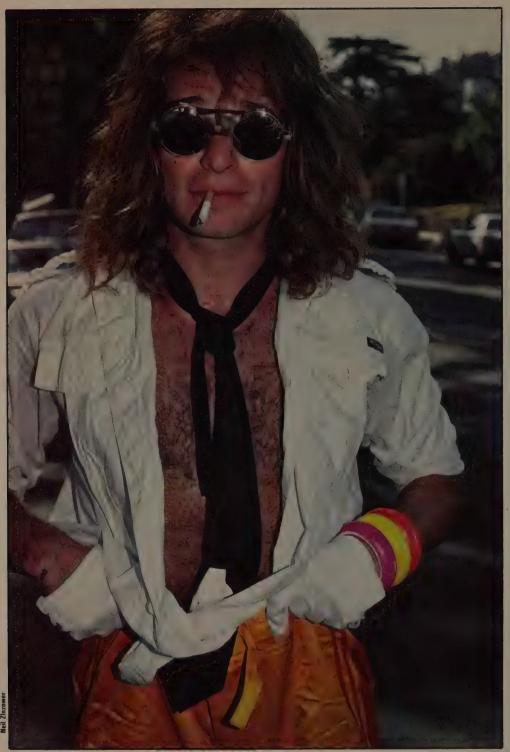
"This band is made up of four very different individuals," stated Van Halen's David Lee Roth with a wry smile. "That's one of our greatest strengths. I can't think of four people who look at things in more radically different ways than we

do. I'll admit there are times when we want to throw our hands up and say, 'I've had enough.' But we also realize that we have the freedom to do virtually whatever we want. We cover a great deal of musical terrain, and we cast our shadow on everything from heavy metal to funk, so there's no reason

to ever feel limited. When we feel restricted by the band, we can always step aside for a while and try something on our own."

Much to the surprise of almost everyone in the rock community, Roth has indeed tried something on his own. With the release of his four song EP, Crazy From The Heat, Roth has stepped away from Van Halen's protective cover to place his own musical credentials on the line. While he stresses that such songs as California Girls, Just A Gigolo and Easy Street were recorded and released "as fun, pure and simple," one may now question the





DLR dressed for success.

continued viability of Van Halen as a recording and touring unit.

Throughout much of the band's hugely successful 1984 world tour, personal differences existed within the group. Guitarist Edward Van Halen proclaimed in print that he and brother Alex were truly Van Halen, and everyone else in the band was little more than

excess baggage. Such inflammatory statements did little to soothe the already ruffled feathers of Roth, who felt that some of his musical ideas had been shunted aside by Edward during the recording sessions for 1984.

"I was never sold on the idea of bringing synthesizers into the band," Dave said. "For instance, Edward

had written Jump two years ago, and none of us — including Edward — was sure if it was the right kind of song for us. But then we realized that there really is no Van Halen 'sound,' so why shouldn't we do it? Edward and I tend to go in different musical directions. I'm into short bursts of energy that make people want to get up and dance.

He's a musical genius. He's always looking for new sounds and new musical ideas. Sometimes our attitudes do begin to rub each other the wrong way."

Luckily, by the time the group's world tour drew to a close last October, the problems between David and Edward had greatly subsided. According to the band's publicist, the two even went out of their way to socialize with one another away from the concert stage - something they had not done for years. Despite rumors that Van Halen was on the verge of breaking up, or at least taking a year long sabbatical from the rock wars, it seemed that the band's internal wounds were beginning to heal. Yet, one must wonder how Roth's decision to release Crazy From The Heat has affected the band's delicate chem-

istry.
"You can't read too much into the EP's release," a source close to the band revealed. "David's intention was to present something that was fun and entertaining to the fans. If you think it means more than that you're wrong. Everyone in the group loves making music, and with the band having a few months to relax, both David and Edward have been involved in making music outside of Van Halen. Edward has done a number of movie soundtracks, and David recorded a few songs he liked with musical friends from Los Angeles and New York. I can draw a similarity between David's project and Robert Plant's Honeydrippers EP. They were both done for fun. People should just accept them for what they are.'

One possible problem generated by the release of Crazy From The Heat has been Roth's reliance on Van Halen's longtime producer Ted Templeman — a man nearly ostracized from the 1984 recording sessions by Edward Van Halen. Dave, however, has no problems with Templeman, for Roth viewed him as the only man who could possibly produce his first solo effort.

"Teddie has been with us

from the very beginning," Roth explained, "He's the fifth member of Van Halen, and he's one of my close friends. He may not have been as involved with the last album as he was in the past, but that's not a reflection on his ability. The truth of the matter is that he was very busy at that time. Any time I get the chance to work with Ted, I jump at the opportunity. I don't care what some other members of the band think about him. I tend to do things the way I want to. That's the way I've always been, and that's the way I plan on staying.

There's no question that David Lee Roth has always done things his own way. In fact, to many people David is a walking, talking caricature of what every rock star should be. With his mane of blond hair, his athletic build and his passion for good times, good music and good women, at the ripe old age of 29, his life has become a true rock and roll fantasy.

"Things have been going pretty well in my life as of late," Dave stated. "I've always been a magnet for parties and women. I don't have to go looking for them, they just seem to find me. It's a dirty job, but somebody's got to do it, and I've taken that responsibility into my hands. I'm the only member of Van Halen who isn't married, so I consider it my civic duty to remove temptation from the guys. I can handle it though; I do everything four times as fast and four times as well as anyone else, so I can take on all the band's partying responsibilities.

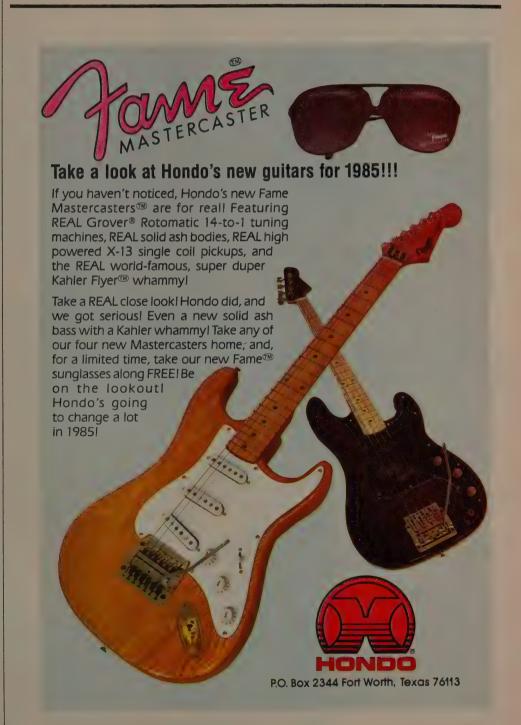
Born on October 10, 1955 in Bloomington, Indiana, life for young David was far from the "school of hard knocks" that seems to be so common among rock and rollers. In fact, with his father a noted doctor, Dave's upper middle class environment was noteworthy only for the fact that by the time he was out of diapers, Dave was already doing split-legged leaps off the playground teetertotter and attempting to molest his babysitters.

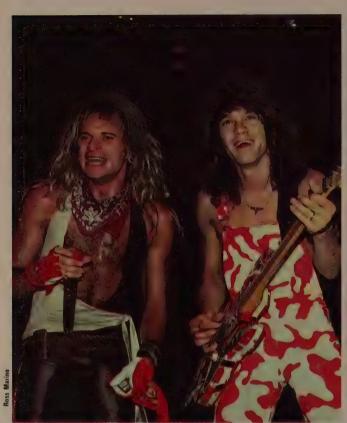
'When I was a little kid my parents were really wor-

ried about me," he said. "I used to run around the house climbing on the furniture and singing along with all the TV commercials. I guess it was getting my folks a little crazy because they took me to a doctor who told them I was hyperactive. Whenever they had company over they'd tell them what I was doing was called 'monkey hour,' It made me the center of attention, and I really got off on it. I guess you could say that I've turned monkey hour into a career.'

By his early teens Dave began traveling around the country, staying with, as he recalled, "any relative who'd put up with me for a few days." One of his most memorable experiences occurred in New York when Dave spent a summer in the late '60s living with an uncle who resided above the famed Cafe Wha?, a center of Big Apple activity at that time. Being able to see such artists as Jimi Hendrix and the Electric Flag on a nightly basis convinced young Dave to become a rock performer.

"I used to sneak down to the club and see some amazing things," he said. "That's when I decided I wanted to be a singer. I saw the excitement that the performers were generating, and I knew that was for





Dave and Eddie go at it on stage.

me. I figured I could get on stage and act crazy, and get paid for it too. What more could anyone ask from life?"

A few years later Dave moved to Los Angeles, where he played with a variety of local bands before meeting Michael Anthony and Alex and Edward Van Halen, who were then in a group called Mammoth. At Dave's request, the band changed its name to Rat Salad and began gigging throughout the Southern California area. The boys soon realized that a change of name would be required if they hoped to hit the big time, and after rejecting the name Roth by a vote of 3 to 1, they settled on Van

"There was never any question that we were going to be successful," Dave stated in his raspy growl. "It was more a question of how successful we were going to be. Back then our main goal was to go on stage and have fun. We figured if we

Halen.

couldn't help but have fun too. That's the formula

were enjoying ourselves,

the people out there

we've used throughout our career, and there's no doubt about it - it works. We've always said that there's a little Van Halen in everyone. It's our job to bring that out."

As it happens, despite his recent project, Dave is already at work on Van Halen's next studio album. Always inspired by his travels, Roth and a group of friends who call themselves the Jungle Studs recently returned from a month long stay in the wilds of New Guinea. Life in the jungle always inspired Roth's rock and roll creativity.

"After living in a tree for a week, you don't get quite as upset when an amp blows out on stage," he stated. "You learn to accept things and not get too crazy. That's an attitude I try to bring to rock and roll as well. I try not to take it too seriously or get too involved with making 'important musical statements.' When I'm in the jungle, I always take my guitar and maybe work on a few lyrics for the next Van Halen album. Mostly though, I sing Ice Cream Man for the natives. They know me as

the crazy white guy with the long hair."

Roth hopes Van Halen will get together for rehearsals in June and begin recording their next album shortly thereafter. Once the band gets into the studio an album can be expected almost immediately. "I can never understand why groups spend months and months in the studio," Dave commented. "We took four weeks to record 1984, and that was the longest we've ever taken on an album. You've also got to realize that most of that time was taken up by sitting around drinking Jack Daniels and trying to get inspired.

We tend to use any excuse not to work," he added with a laugh. "If one of the drum roadies doesn't show up on time, or Michael breaks a fingernail, we just say, 'That's it for today, see you tomorrow; same time, same place.' That's the way we've always worked. I sometimes feel that Edward would like me to take it all a little more seriously, but the bottom line is that it works. And you know the old saying, 'If it ain't broke, don't fix it!' "□



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Queensryche (left to right): Eddie Jackson, Michael Wilton, Geoff Tate, Scott Rockenfield, Chris DeGarmo.

the heavy metal kids

by Jodi Summers Dorland

Any kid who's ever picked up a musical instrument has had dreams of making it big fast. They want to be as talented and successful as Edward Van Halen, but achieve it in half the time. Well, a great deal of rock and roll is fantasy, and dreams sometimes do come true especially in the case of Queensryche.

Two years ago vocalist Geoff Tate, guitarist Chris DeGarmo and Michael Wilton, bassist Eddie Jackson and drummer Scott Rockenfield were gigging in a Seattle, Washington basement and calling themselves the Mob. On a whim, these young men went into a small local studio to cut a tape of four songs — the first four songs they had ever written together.

We had no intention except to spend a little money and try our hand in the studio," explained Tate. "After we finished with the tape, we didn't know what else to do with it except listen to it."

DeGarmo had some "contacts" at Warner Brothers records and attempted to utilize them, but as tapes from new bands tend to do, Queensryche's demo got lost in the shuffle. So, drummer Rockenfield's brother brought the tape into a local import record shop for owners Kim and Diana Harris to listen to. It knocked their socks off. And Kim, being in the radio and retail record business for 15 years, had lots of contacts. First thing he did was ask the band what they called themselves.

The name was the last thing we came up with," revealed DeGarmo. "We were writing songs, no one had even bothered to think about what to call the band. When it came time to present this thing as a record we thought, Well guys, we'd better come up with a name.' We had written a song called Queen Of The Reich --- that was our inspiration. At that point we were working day jobs and then we'd rehearse all night and everyone would come home exhausted and go to bed. We thought the name should really bring across the discipline of the band. That's what brought us to the term ryche; we envisioned it to mean discipline. Queen - the beginning of the name is the symbolism of power royalty has always been the discipline of

power."

When the band had its moniker, Kim set about pressing 10,000 copies of a self-titled EP comprised of the four self-recorded songs. They had a name. They had a product. Now Kim turned to his "contacts" at the record companies.

The key person who comes in now is Mayis Brody, the A&R manger at EMI-America in Los Angeles — the person responsible for signing Queensryche — and the first person the Harris' contacted. She flew up to Seattle to see the boys open for Zebra, as did A&R people from a variety of labels.

There was definitely something special there," Brody said. "I've been to a million showcases, heard a million tapes, but I'd never heard or seen anything like Queensryche. They have their own sound, their own vocal personality and their own visuals. I liked what I saw and felt it was genuine."

So Queensryche got a recording contract with a minimum of effort. And when their independently released EP sold out, their record company printed up more copies and sent the band on tour. Not just any tour mind you, but out with the big names: Quiet Riot, Ronnie James Dio and Twisted Sister. And for this reward Queensryche followed suite, living up to their expectations. The band certainly weren't going to spend their 50 minutes in front of the most metal hungry kids in America performing their four originals and a bunch of covers. No way! They wrote new material; the songs that now appear on their current and first full length record, the Warning.

'Audiences like to hear something new, and we like doing it that way," stated Geoff. "We'll do that with our next album too. It gives us a chance to test them out and try different things."

'Plus we change our songs," added Chris. "When you get out and play them a bit, you know what things will work and what not, so you have a better perception of how to record them."

After touring the States, Europe and Japan, and almost two years after the release of the EP, Queensryche went to London to record those songs for their debut album. The Warning shows an amazingly mature musical and lyrical direction as well as an innovate heavy metal style.

"This is the first record that's carefully focused in the direction we're headed in lyrically," confided Chris. "Our EP was a bit scattered musically. On this record we have a much more concise look at which direction we want to take our lyrics and music. It's based on real subjects, what's happening now, reality. Not so much about fast cars and women or the party type approach.

Indeed, the Warning is a collection of nine compositions which show an incredible potential; plus a musical approach that combines the best elements of Queen, Rush and Judas Priest. For this epoch the boys had some help. The Warning was produced by James Guthrie who also produced Pink Floyd's the Wall and Judas Priest's Hell Bent For Leather, and was mixed by Val Garay of Motels' fame.

"It was a real neat situation this time around," Chris recalled. "James is very creative and was willing to try everything we wanted to do. We became very creative together.'

'We used a glockenspiel, marimbas and an orchestra," elaborated Geoff. "We've even got a 45 pistol going off in one of the songs. It was

"Queensryche is a regal name, and royalty has always been the discipline of power."

taking our ideas and technically making them come true."

Granted this elaborate creativity did take a bit more time and a lot more money than expected.

'We'd allowed two months to complete the record, but things kept on developing, and the end result was that we ran over a month,' explained Chris. "And that was working 12-14 hours at a stretch with very few days off. It was really exhausting, and when it came to mixing the results, we were all so drained that we failed to really capture what we'd done. We needed to be fresh for the mix, and we weren't."

The band explained the predicament to the label, who, as proven, had faith in the band. EMI allowed Queensryche to remix the LP in L.A.

'It's great that the label is prepared to give a new band the time — and the opportunity — to get the record exactly right," said Geoff. "They could easily have insisted on releasing just what we had. We're very fortunate that they trust and believe in us.'

Yes, EMI is 100 percent behind Queensryche. This time around they've headlined shows in Japan, done an 11 week tour of Europe with Dio and opened for Kiss in America. Everything has gone perfectly for the quintet. Their rock and roll fantasy has become reality.

'We're surprised,'' summarized Chris, 'especially from being around Seattle where this kind of thing doesn't happen very often. But it all happened so quickly that you don't really get to think about it until later on. Then you sit back, blink your eyes, pinch yourself and say, 'Wow, what happened?'" □

Ross Marino



Geoff Tate: "We're lucky that our record company gave us as much time as we needed to finish this album."

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Metallica (left to right): Cliff Burton, Lars Ulrich, Kirk Hammett, James Hetfield.

Metallica

West Coast Rockers Prove To Be Metal Masters.

by Rob Andrews

Some have called their sound the purest form of heavy metal — others have called it unmitigated garbage. Love them or hate them Metallica are a tough band to ignore. "We are sick and tired of bands who refuse the heavy metal name," guitarist/vocalist James Hetfield stated. "We feel proud to be a heavy metal band, and we want other groups to share our pride. We're not going to cover our music with sweet melodies and nice lyrics just so it will sell a lot of copies. We believe in the purity of the heavy metal form."

Never has Metallica's metallic purity been more evident than on their latest LP, Ride The Lightning. On tracks such as For Whom The Bell Tolls, Trapped Under Ice and Creeping Death, Hetfield and bandmates Cliff Burton (bass), Lars Ulrich (drums) and Kirk Hammett (lead guitar) have created a blitzkreig of the pulsating riffs and over-thetop vocal forays that have become Metallica's

trademark

"This is our most satisfying album,"
Hetfield explained. "Before we knew what we wanted to do, but we didn't have the recording skill to capture it on vinyl. This time was different. It's all there in the grooves. Those songs can melt your brain if you're not careful. We should put a warning sticker on the front of the record saying, This album may be hazardous to your health."

Formed in Los Angeles by Hetfield and Ulrich four years ago, Metallica went through a series of incarnations before emerging as the self-proclaimed "loudest and fastest band in the world." After exhausting the L.A. club circuit, the band wandered north to the San Francisco bay area where they came to the attention of a European promoter who insisted on taking the band to England. There, they became the instant rage of the European concert scene, packing halls from Sweden to Germany. While they still remain relatively unknown in the native country, Metallica is quite satisfied with their growth.

"A lot of bands have had to go to Europe to get recognition," Hetfield stated. "Just look at Twisted Sister. They played in the States for years, and nobody would give them a second look. They go to Europe and suddenly they're stars everywhere. The same thing will happen to us. We're pleased by our European success, but we'd like to get a lot more notice in the States as well. We've been spending three or four months a year touring Europe, we'd like to start spending the same amount of time touring back home."

With Ride The Lightning opening many Stateside doors for Metallica, it seems that their American success is in the offing. A problem the band faces, however, is finding a national headliner who will allow this power-packed quartet to open for them. Metallica's stage show has been known to strike fear in the heart of even the bravest metal band.

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"That is a problem," Hetfield said. "We could do a club tour, which we probably will do. But the problem with that is you only reach a limited number of people. We don't mind because we know the people who are there are truly our fans, but we'd like to break through to a bigger audience. The metal market is bigger than ever at the moment, and we want to cash in if we can. Word of mouth about this band spreads like wildfire. Any band that would give us a chance to tour with them wouldn't be disappointed. We would bring in our share of fans.

"We don't mind taking our time and slowly building up our following," he added. "But we've always been impatient. That's one of the things that makes us a good band. We've never believed in waiting for trends — we've always wanted to start our own."



Leatherwolf

Hailing from the heavy metal hotbed of Los Angeles, Leatherwolf hope they will follow the lead of such area successes as Ratt, Motley Crue and Quiet Riot up the rock and roll ladder. Drummer Dean Roberts, bassist Matt Hurich, vocalist Mike Olivieri and guitarists Geoff Gayer and Carey Howe like to bill themselves as a band that stands, "Head and Marshalls above the rest." Their approach, as shown on their self-titled debut LP, certainly is straight-ahead metal action from start to finish. While some may feel the band has borrowed a little too liberally from a number of other West Coast bands, Leatherwolf seems destined for a long and successful run in the rock world.



Joy Rider-

"Like most big city people, I'm very frustrated with the boxes we're all in," said Joy Rider. "There's a yearning to get back to a freer time, a more sensual, loving time."

Joy Rider follows in the grand tradition of the American artist discovered in Europe. In the late 1970s, the blonde, blue-eyed rocker fronted the Avis Davis-Joy Rider Band, playing the New York club scene. Perhaps because the group chose to rock while all the attention was on punk and new wave groups, Rider never established more than a cult following. In 1980, several New York rockers were invited to come to West Berlin; Rider went, and the Germans quickly christened her "Little Miss Rock and Roll." She has since played festival gigs and has headlined on her own through both East and West Germany. Tired of Phoney, a six-cut mini-LP, may introduce Rider to her own countrymen.

Shooting stars

by Charley Crespo



Stone Fury

"We're not just another one-dimensional heavy metal band," says Lenny Wolf about his band, Stone Fury. "We can rock and roll with the best of them. We've also got the ability to lay back and play a sensitive ballad. There's no real mystery to this band. We're musicians making music.

Back home in Hamburg, Germany, Wolf sang in a band called Funhouse that got no further than sending a demo tape to various contacts in the United States in January, 1984. Funhouse split up, but Wolf wound up getting an offer to fly to the United States and record a demo tape with Bruce Gowdy, a guitarist and songwriter who had played in bands in Los Angeles. Wolf spoke no English, so he and Gowdy communicated primarily by sign language. After the session, Wolf was convinced that all he got out of the venture was a tan. But that demo led to a record contract, and Wolf was called back. Wolf and Gowdy recruited bassist Rick Wilson and drummer Jody Cortex to complete Stone Fury. The debut album is Burns Like A Star.

"There's a magic in this band," says Gowdy. "We all come from different places and experiences. Call it fate or whatever you want. All these different ideas come together in Stone Fury, and the result has been that this band works. It really works.



White Lion

White Lion started in Brooklyn, New York, in June, 1984, with guitarist Vito Bratta and Danish vocalist Mike Tramp joining forces to showcase their hard rocking original material. They recruited Dave "the Beast" Sputz on bass and Nicky Cappozzi on drums and before long, White Lion was opening concerts for national recording artists up and down the East Coast.

The next step was to record. White Lion journeyed to Germany and went into the studio with producer Peter Hauke. That record plus word of mouth on the group's exciting live performances led to a major international recording contract in late 1984. White Lion's debut album on these shores is Fight To Survive.

a tale of love and hate



Dokken (left to right): George Lynch, Don Dokken, Jeff Pilson, Mick Brown.

L.A. Natives Turn Inner Tension Into Positive Results.

by James Curtis

With their latest album, Tooth And Nail, establishing their stellar credentials, few rock aficionados can deny that Dokken has emerged as one of America's most exciting new hard rock attractions. With their ability to blend instantly memorable melodies with slashing guitar riffs, vocalist Don Dokken, guitarist George Lynch, bassist Jeff Pilson and drummer Mick Brown have shown that a band need not depend on three chords and demonic lyrics to be successful. As this interview with Don Dokken took place, the band was in the midst of their first national tour.

Hit Parader: It's been a long struggle for Dokken to get the recognition you enjoy today. Looking back, was the struggle worth it?

Don Dokken: You bet it was. In fact, now that we can look back and laugh at some of the difficulties we had, it makes what we've accomplished that much more enjoyable. Because of what we went through in the years before we got signed, we'll always be able to keep very level heads - no matter how successful we may become.

HP: Go back and tell us about some of the problems that the band went through early in vour career.

DD: I guess you could say we were the right band in the right place at the wrong time. When we first started playing shows in Southern California, the hard rock scene really hadn't started to bloom. There were still more new wave and power pop bands playing in the clubs, and those were the groups the record companies were interested in. We played for a long time without getting any recognition, that was the major problem we had.

HP: Didn't you have to go to Germany to record your first album, Breakin' The Chains?

DD: Yes, but there's more to the story than that. I had become friends with Dieter Dierks, who has produced the Scorpions, among other groups. He liked what we were trying to do, and he recommended that we come over and record with him. We did that, but the American record companies still didn't want anything to do with us. They said that hard rock wasn't selling anymore. You've got to remember this was in 1981, so maybe you can forgive them for their shortsightedness.

HP: How did that LP finally get released in the

DD: The album was available in Europe for a couple of years before American labels started to pick up on it. Elektra decided to sign us and have Roy Thomas Baker (known for his work with Queen) remix some of the tracks. The label figured they'd give us a shot, and when the album sold 100,000 copies without much of a push, they realized that with their help we could he bia.

HP: Didn't you actually record with the Scorpions due to Dierks?

DD: I did some recording with them on the Blackout LP. Klaus Meine was having a lot of trouble with his voice at the time, and Dieter recommended me to the band as someone they could work with on new material. There was never any intention of my joining the band, it was more that I could at least sing some new material and give them an idea how it sounded while Klaus was getting his voice in shape. Once he returned, they asked me to do some backing vocals, which I did, but I was already involved with recording Breakin' The Chains.

HP: Has the label given you more support with **Tooth And Nail?**

DD: A lot more. They've been behind us all the way, which has made all the difference in the world. We've always had confidence in our music, but knowing that the company believes in you too is great. It makes you want to go on stage each night and kill!

HP: What qualities make Dokken different from other hard rock bands?

DD: One of the most obvious is the sound. We'ver never been scared of using melody in our music. We're proud to be a hard rock band, but we've never viewed a catchy hook as something to avoid. Another quality we have is that everyone in the band writes. If you look at the album credits there's virtually every writing combination you can imagine. That gives our music flexibility and power. We also have creative tension within the group, which gives our music a lot of emotion.

HP: You included a lyric sheet with the LP. That's an unusual move for a hard rock band.

DD: We've always believed that our lyrics are just as important as our melodies or our guitar parts. We're very proud of them, so why not have a lyric sheet? A lot of people like to read along with the album, so we give them that opportun-

HP: You've had a little trouble keeping the band's lineup set over the years. Juan Croucier, who worked with you around the time of the first album, left to join Ratt, and George Lynch was once rumored to be joining Ozzy Osbourne's band. Is everything settled today?

DD: Absolutely. You can't compare Dokken today with the band that existed even two years ago. Back then we honestly had doubts about whether

"We have a lot of creative tension within the group, which gives our music a lot of emotion."

our album would ever be released in America, and when other bands offered promising jobs it was only natural that people would at least give it a look. That's what happened with George and Ozzy a few years ago. All I can say is that I'm sure he's glad he stayed with us. We have a very strange relationship in this group because we may fight like cats and dogs at times, but we all believe in each other. More importantly, we believe in the band.

HP: How are you approaching the opportunity to tour in support of Tooth And Nail?

DD: With a lot of determination. We felt cheated last year when a lot of unfortunate circumstances stopped us from touring the way we wanted to. This time we're out to make up for lost HP: What were the problems last time?

DD: Well, a certain fellow named Ritchie Blackmore evidently thought we were too hot for his band and he kicked us off the tour. That was when he was still with Rainbow. We should have know that if he was that scared of us. Rainbow wasn't long for this world. But that's water under the bridge. We've got a new album to support, and we're ready to give our ultimate effort every night. We'll go out for a while as an opening act, and hope the album takes off. If that happens, we'll be only too happy to go out and headline. But we're in no particular hurry. When you've waited as long as we have to get any recognition, we want to savor every step of the way to the top.

HP: One last question. Tooth And Nail is an unusual name for an album. Does it have any special meaning?

DD: I could give you an answer about how we've fought tooth and nail to reach the top, but that would be a load of crap. The true reason why we named the album that is because we fight with each other tooth and nail all the time. We've got some very different personalities in this group, and sometimes we don't always see eye to eye on things. We need each other very badly, but we don't always get along. We have a very delicate balance in this group. That's the thing that makes us special.



George Lynch: One of the hottest guitarists in the world today.

Cilling on angels wings



Giuffria: "Once the fans see us, they're going to be hooked."

Former Angel Keyboardist Leads New Band Into Action.

In January 1984, Giuffria founder Gregg Giuffria did about the dumbest thing a "down on his luck" rock star could possibly do. He bought a yacht with questionable credit, put the last of his cash into gas and headed off to Catalina Island. Fate, at that point, took a hand

"This guy came up to me in Catalina and asked me what I did," remembers Giuffria. "I told him I was a musician, and he says, 'Man you're happening, whatever you're doing count me in.' He asked me if I needed anything. I told him I needed some bread and three days later this huge amount of money was deposited in my account."

Giuffria insists this story is true (despite some poorly disguised snickers from the rest of the band), and that the money was ultimately used to pull together the members of Giuffria; singer David Eisley, guitarist Craig Goldy, bass player Chuck Wright and drummer Allan Krigger.

They've combined their efforts on Giuffria, an album produced by Gregg, which combines the best elements of hard rock and melodic, classically influenced music. Eisley pipes in with a description of the band's music as "like having clean fingernails with just a spot of dirt under them." Giuffria, sensing that the

by Marc Shapiro

band's seemingly highbrow intentions might get them labeled as wimps in more hardcore quarters, is even less subtle than Eisley in his defense of the band's music.

"Just because it's progressive and melodic music doesn't mean we can't rock. There's some real ambitious moments in our music, the kind of things you'd never dream of hearing from a Quiet Riot or Motley Crue. But the bottom line is that Giuffria is a rock and roll band and we're going out there to rock."

Giuffria is no stranger to rock and roll. As a member of the outrageous '70s glitter/metal band Angel, he saw what it was like to be on top. But after Angel disbanded in 1980, Gregg found his early attempts at returning to the rock wars less than successful.

"I did a lot of demos with a lot of different people but nothing seemed to click," recalls Giuffria. "It was frustrating because I had all these ideas and songs, but nothing was happening and nobody was interested. I did meet a lot of people, including Dave, and that made for some bright spots in the struggle."

When Gregg decided to form Giuffria it was Dave (a former minor league baseball

player in the Giants organization) that he first turned to. Dave, in turn, brought in Krigger (who beat the skins for Ike and Tina Turner among others), while Gregg found Wright, who played on both Quiet Riot albums. Recruiting guitarist Goldy (formerly in Rough Cutt) proved the most physically demanding task.

"We had talked about it," says Goldy, "and I had agreed to join Gregg. But I had this last gig to do with Rough Cutt. On the night of that show Gregg and the others were backstage and the instant our set ended they jumped out of hiding and began putting my equipment in Gregg's van. The guys in Rough Cutt didn't know I was leaving until they saw me drive off," laughs Craig.

Gregg is a realist who doesn't really get riled by much. This particular trait was brought into play when it came to discussing the fact that despite his decade-long career Giuffria would be a relatively unknown quantity to many fans.

"That's okay with us. If they come into a concert hall to see the headliner or even to get out of the rain, that's fine. I don't care what the circumstances are that brings them to our show. Once they see us I know they're going to be hooked."

Ozzy Osbourne

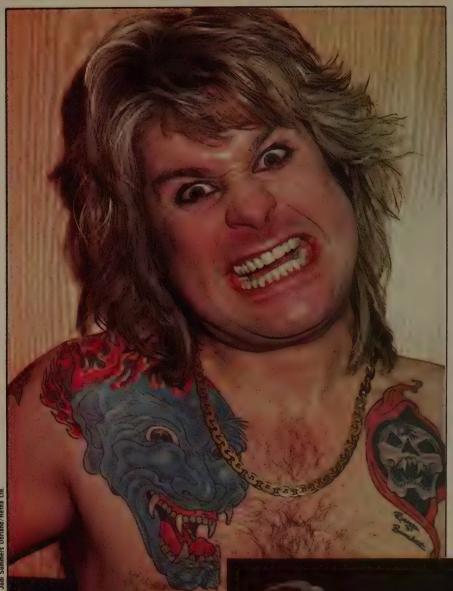
"I'll Be Back Rocking Harder Than Ever."

by Winston Cummings

Ozzy Osbourne knows the pressure is on. After nearly 15 years as the leading madman of rock and roll, the inimitable Oz has reached yet another crossroad in his winding highway of metal lunacy. Following the disappointing chart performance of his last album,

Bark At The Moon,
Osbourne has come to the
realization that his upcoming LP,
tentatively titled Killer OI Giants,
may well serve as the album which
will either insure his continued rule
of the hard rock domain, or quicken
his slide to mediocrity. Even for the
ever-go-lucky Ozzy, such
knowledge has begun to wear
heavily on his soul.

"All I can do is keep making the only kind of music I know how to play," he said as he relaxed shortly before entering the studio to begin production on his new album. "I'm very pleased with the way the fans have responded to me recently, and while I know that bigger things were



Ozzy: "All I can do is keep making the best music I can." Δ

Ozzy with guitarist Jake 'E' Lee: "I've always followed my rock and roll instincts." ▷

expected of Bark At The Moon, I still love that album. I always feel a bit of pressure when it comes to making albums. I'm not that good at writing melodies, so I'm always counting on other people for that. I do have a talent for lyrics though, and they remain one of the strengths of my music.

"I can't begin to second guess everything about my career at this point," he added almost defensively. "I wondered about certain things on Bark At The Moon. Should I have done a ballad like So Tired? Did I tone down the songs too much? I asked myself those questions, and the answers I came up with have told me I did the right thing. I've always followed my instincts when it comes to rock and roll. They haven't failed me in 15 years, so why should I start doubting them now?"

Ozzy's instincts first led him to rock and roll in 1968 when he joined three friends in Birmingham, England, to form a band called Earth. That group favored "hippie-styled pop tunes" according to the Oz, a style that Osbourne and his friends — guitarist Tony lommi, bassist Terry "Geezer" Butler and drummer Bill Ward — soon grew tired of. According to legend, one night the bandmembers were sitting at home writing new material with the television on. An old Boris Karloff horror flick titled Black Sabbath came on the tube giving the band instant inspiration for a song. The rest, as they say, is history.

"The early days were strange," Ozzy said.
"We were the original hippie band. We had long hair and scruffy clothes and we'd sit around smoking grass and playing acoustic guitar. But we wanted something more than that because we were beginning to feel a lot of anger and hostility. We couldn't get any gigs, and because of how we looked we couldn't get regular jobs. We were poor and we were hungry, so we took a lot of our frustration out in our music. That's how the Black Sabbath heavy metal sound was born."

Relying on lommi's droning, thunderous guitar riffs, and the bizarre lyrical forays of Butler and Osbourne, Sabbath cranked out a series of classic metal LPs such as Master Of Reality, Paranoid and Sabbath, Bloody Sabbath which forever cemented their reputation as the Princes Of Darkness. While the band's murky melodies and occultish lyrics both confounded and amused the group's countless critics, a legion of metal starved fans throughout the world rallied around the band's efforts placing them in the metal hierarchy alongside such lofty companions as Deep Purple and Led Zeppelin.

By the release of **Technical Ecstasy** in 1976, however, noticeable cracks had begun to appear in the band's metal armor.



Osbourne, long the group's spokesperson and focal point began having problems with drugs and alcohol, a fact that served to shatter his first marriage. The band's live performances became increasingly listless, and despite the title of the quartet's last effort together, Never Say Die, it was apparent that a split in the Osbourne/Sabbath partnership was inevitable.

'It's hard for me to comment about that time in my life," Ozzy said. "At the time I would have sworn that everything was their fault. I felt they were trying to make me look bad on stage, and I was sure that they were sabotaging the band by bringing different elements into the group. I realize today that I was probably as much to blame for everything as they were. I was a mess. I was strung out on drugs and I couldn't get on stage and perform if I wasn't high. It was sad, but looking back, leaving Sabbath when I did saved my life. I would have died if I kept going the way I had."

Following his departure from Sabbath in 1979, Ozzy took a year to "clean up my life and get my head together." By late 1980 he had kicked his drug habit and had wandered out to California in the hope of finding musicians for a new band. "I wanted to get away from the English music scene if I could. As it happened the band I formed had a lot of old English blokes in it: Lee Kerslake on drums and Bob Daisley on bass. The only American was Randy Rhoads."

Ozzy's partnership with Rhoads quickly emerged as one of the most fruitful arrangements in metal history. The young, blond California-born axe slinger and the middle-aged English singer seemed to have a natural affinity for one another, with their words and music blending together to form an intense wall of pure metal mayhem. From the opening note of their first LP together, Blizzard Of Ozz, it was obvious that Osbourne's career had taken an incredible turn upward.

To facilitate his rebirth, Osbourne began performing a series of insane stunts both off stage and on. These ranged from his infamous bat biting incident in St. Louis, to relieving himself in a wine bottle during a record company meeting in London. Rather than hurting his career, the Oz's exploits served to make him a hero of legendary proportions to millions of fans around the world. Ozzy had proved that you could do things your own way, and become rich and famous while doing it.

'Sometimes I can't believe that I get paid for doing what I do," he said. "I'm a good entertainer, but I see myself selling millions of records and I've got to shake my head in amazement. I've got to be the bloody luckiest man on the face of the planet. I get to act out all my wildest fantasies, and people love

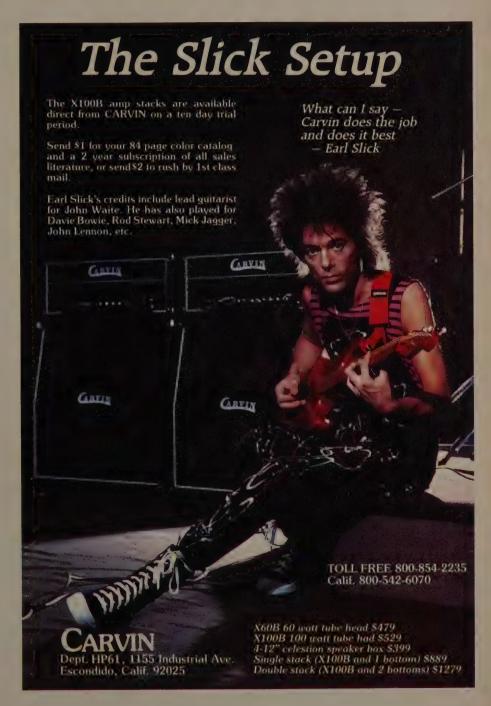
Just when things seemed to be going perfectly for Ozzy, tragedy struck. Following the release of his second solo LP, Diary Of A Madman, Rhoads, whose fiery guitar salvos were the backbone of Osbourne's music, was killed in a plane crash. The accident left Osbourne devastated. "I didn't know what to do," he said. "At first I was going to retire, then I realized that Randy would have wanted me to continue. It was difficult, but that's

what I did."

Following brief stints with Bernie Torme and Brad Gillis. Ozzv added new guitarist Jake 'E' Lee and did indeed continue. Unfortunately, the loss of Rhoads was noticeable throughout Ozzy's first post-Randy LP, Bark At The Moon. While Lee proved to be a superlative six-string talent, he was unable to match Randy's contribution as a songwriter. "Randy had a flair for coming up with great riffs for songs," Osbourne stated. "Jake is great, but we still have to work on developing the rapport that Randy and I had."

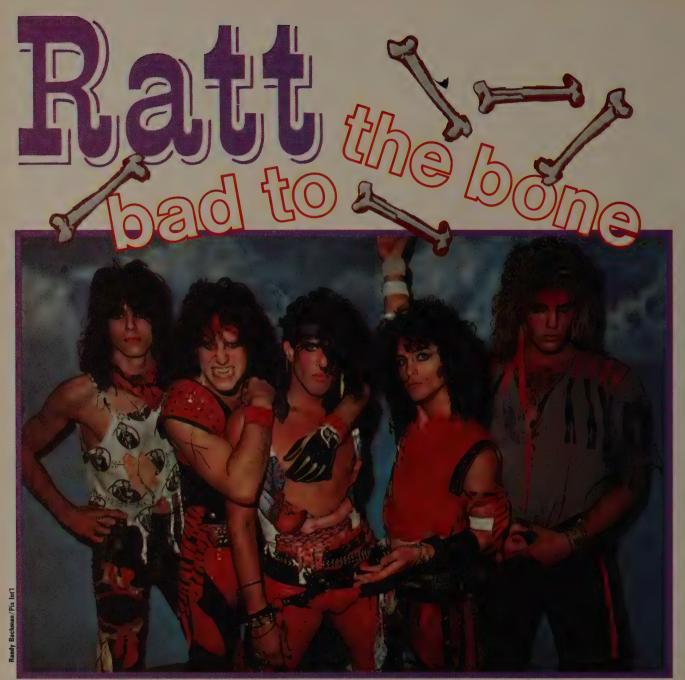
Ozzy feels confident that rapport will be achieved on his next album. Despite rumors that Lee was considering leaving Ozzy to form his own band, it seems evident that the Osbourne/Lee relationship will be allowed to

'I'm confident that we can make the next album the best one yet," Ozzy said. "Going on the road with Jake for as long as we did last year allowed us to learn a great deal about one another, both personally and musically. That's important to me. When you can think like the person you're performing with, you can put on a better show and make better music. I'm determined to keep going and make a great album." he added with a smile. "After all, if I ever gave this up, what would I do? I'd probably end up in prison five minutes after I retired."









The kings of rodent rock (left to right): Warren DeMartini, Bobby Blotzer, Stephen Pearcy, Juan Croucier, Robbin Crosby.

Success Story of 1984 Prepare To Make 1985 Another Year Of The Ratt.

by Dan Hedges

uccess," Ratt's Warren DeMartini pronounces the word as if it's a new one, nodding slowly as he mulls over its more ominous implications.

"That's the scary part. Success. You write songs

when you're hungry and pissed-off. I've noticed, with a lot of bands I like, that as they got, progressively more successful, their music changed. The scary part is still being able to identify with everybody after you've achieved success."

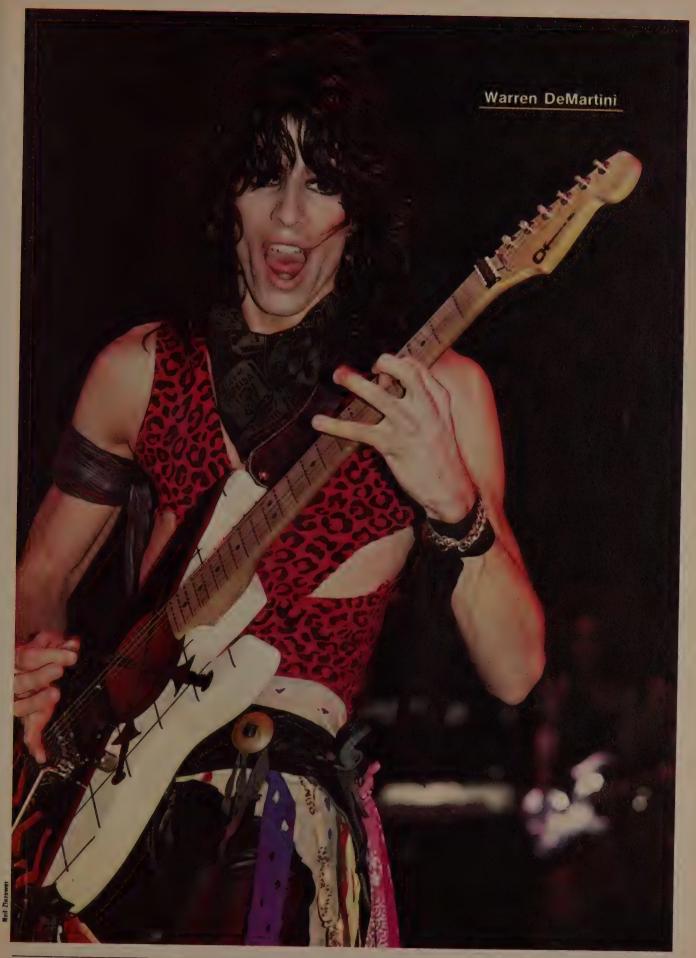
Since late last summer, when Ratt first stormed into the platinum pantheon on the

strength of their debut album, **Out Of The Cellar**, and a handful of hit singles, they've been taking it one step at a time. This year's heroes, all realize, can quickly become next year's hasbeens. As a result, the five man band has been touring the country by bus — one fitted with bunk beds, a stereo, color TV, and mini-kitchen — cramped quarters by anyone's standards. The place smells of stale cigarettes. Bras and assorted unmentionables from female admirers dangle everywhere like hunting trophies, though as 6'6" guitarist Robbin Crosby admits, the biggest problem that's faced the band during their epic trek "is that the beds are too short."

Ratt cut their teeth on the same "very incestuous" L.A. club scene that spawned Van Halen and Quiet Riot. But they've been together

for less than three years, and DeMartini admits that it's been hard for the band "to grow as fast personally as we've been growing in the public sense. We basically shot right to the top. We're constantly trying to better ourselves, obviously, but it gets frustrating on the road because there's not enough time. You're not stationary long enough. Our manager calls it 'growing pains.'"

But the most eye opening part of all this, he says, has been turning into a big organization overnight, "picking up all these people to do tasks that you never had to consider before." He claims that the money involved posed no problems. "The transition has been waiting for it to happen. We're looking forward to taking this thing for as long as it cares to take us."



Thanks to their MTV videos and the limited tour the band did in early '84, Crosby explains that when the Ratt bus pulls into a town these days, "there are already a lot more fans who are into the group than there were the first time around. They know us. They know the songs. We watch people in the crowd singing the lyrics along with us. You do notice that stuff."

The guitarist has noticed that his band is attracting a much more varied audience than the Quiet Riots and Motley Crues of this world, citing songs like Round and Round and Back For More as "things that even an older person might like. We find more girls at our shows than a lot of other bands get, too. I mean, if you're cutting off the girls, you're cutting off thalf the world."

Crosby admits that certain aspects of his band's "Master Plan of Attack" were carefully pondered before their album even hit the stores. The music and the image, Robbin says, "is a sexy kind of thing. So far, everything we've been striving for, as far as making us different, has worked for us. We're real happy about that because it was intentional."

"When we were playing clubs in L.A., everybody who came to see us had this crazed look in their eyes," DeMartini recalls. "It's grown to a bigger level now, but it's never changed from that. I'm not saying I always knew we were going to be in the Top 10, but people have always had that same way of reacting to us. It's always been very...manic.

"But the term 'heavy metal' has been blown out of proportion. When I was in the seventh and eighth grade, heavy metal was simply Sabbath and bands like that. It was a very separate thing from straight rock and roll. You would never have called Aerosmith a heavy metal band back then. But now? A lot of my favorite bands, who I'd never consider to be heavy metal, are being called heavy metal in magazines."

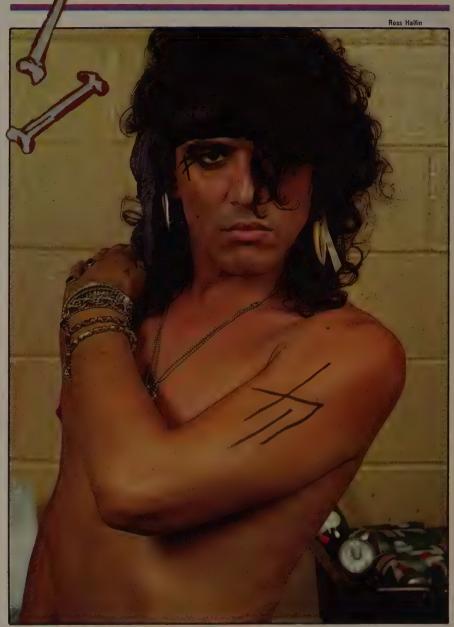
The two guitarists, frontman Stephen Pearcy, bassist Juan Croucier, and drummer Bobby Blotzer resent being dumped in with the heavy metal horde. "I don't consider us heavy metal," Crosby says. "But I don't think that's hurt us in any way because that's the people's music right now. It's the people's choice. The minute you think of 'heavy metal,' you see a picture of this wild, Motley Crue-looking character. Completely unacceptable for Mom and Dad." He pauses for a beat or two. "Of course, that's half the appeal."

Ratt have been together for barely two and a half years. After honing their chops in garages in San Diego, it was on the Roxy/Starwood/Whiskey bar and club circuit in Los Angeles that they first began carving notches into their belts. The crowds loved them — evidenced by the fact that Ratt were able to sell 50,000 copies of their independently produced and pressed EP (and get it played on two of the biggest L.A. radio stations) through local word of mouth alone. It was accomplished surprisingly quickly; in an atmosphere of fierce competition, where dozens of bands were fighting for a chance to play in a mere handful of clubs.

For Ratt, Crosby says, that atmosphere was a catalyst rather than an obstacle. "It made the competition stronger, which made the quality higher. There were five or six bands playing the clubs when we were that were out for blood. Every band was going to kick the other band's butt. It was a showdown every time you played."

DeMartini reckons that the reason why so many struggling L.A. bands are suddenly landing

We'll go with this thing for as long as it cares to take us."



Pearcy on the prowl.

contracts is only partially due to the record industry's tendency to jump on whatever bandwagon happens to be passing. Thanks to the fans, he claims, the emphasis is shifting from synth-based posing back to genuine guitar-based skill. "There were a lot of good bands," he says, adding that a sheer survival instinct was what kept Ratt and others like them going for so long on so little money. "The new wave thing created a lot of anger and frustration among rock and roll bands and their fans, so it just made bands like Motley Crue and Quiet Riot and us even stronger."

As Ratt have been aware all along, playing to large audiences is a trickier thing to pull off than getting up in front of your average Saturday night club crowd. Crosby, however, feels that it's never posed more than a few minor problems "because

we've always been out of control. We've always pretended it was the L.A.Forum."

As Ratt have reminded themselves over and over again, though, it's not all party time.

"That's the way the fans see it," Crosby muses. "But it's a long way to the top. You find your limit. You can't stay up for four days straight. We've been playing for a long time in the clubs, so we knew what was expected of us."

"I guess it is hard for a fan to identify with the stress you get from touring and playing a lot for such a long time, though," DeMartini says. "That was the case even when we were just fans. When you're out there in the audience, it all looks so easy."

"Yeah," Crosby agrees, stretching wearily. "It's definitely been a learning experience." □

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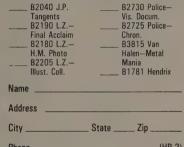
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Deep Purple (left to right): Ian Gillan, Jon Lord, Ian Paice, Roger Glover, Ritchie Blackmore.

After Decade-Long Hiatus, Metal Legends Prove To Be Perfect Strangers.

by Rob Andrews

Back in the early 1970s, Deep Purple was the most successful band in the world. Their albums such as In Rock, Machine Head and Made In Japan consistently went platinum, and their in-concert spectaculars routinely packed arenas from Topeka to Tokyo. It seemed that nothing in the world could halt the Purple juggernaut. But there was something that could stop them — the bandmembers themselves. In 1973, only a year after the band had reached its commercial peak, Deep Purple was in disarray. Vocalist lan Gillan and bassist Roger Glover had split over "artistic differences" and guitarist Ritchie Blackmore was soon to follow. While keyboardist Jon Lord and drummer Ian Paice were to continue the Purple tradition for a few more years, it was apparent that the band's days were numbered. Now, however, after nearly a decade of inactivity, Deep Purple is together once more. The band's reunion album, Perfect Strangers, shows them to be in classic form, and their world tour has returned them to the sellout status of years past. We recently had the chance to speak to Roger Glover about Deep Purple's amazing return to the top of the hard rock realm.

Hit Parader: Many people are still wary of the reason behind Purple's decision to reform. Obviously, you know you can make a great deal of money. How important was the financial factor in your decision? Roger Glover: I don't think there's enough money in the world to get us to do this. There's nothing more important to any of us than the musical legacy Deep Purple created. We would never do anything to hurt that

legacy. If we didn't feel we had a great deal to offer artistically, we would have continued working on our own projects. You must remember, it wasn't as if we were all sitting at home doing nothing. Ritchie and I were enjoying success with Rainbow. Ian Gillan had just finished touring with Black Sabbath, Jon was in Whitesnake and Ian Paice was a member of Gary Moore's band. We had to sacrifice quite a bit to gamble on this

reformation.

HP: You really don't consider reforming Deep Purple a gamble, do you? RG: In a way it is. You've got to remember that it's been a decade since this band performed together. Rock music is a very fickle medium. Fans change their tastes very quickly. A lot of our fans from the early '70s have probably moved on to other groups and

maybe even other types of music. One never knows

HP: But don't you think that Purple's name still means a great deal to hard rock fans who may have been too young to see the band during your first incarnation?

RG: That's what we're hoping. We know that there has been a growing interest in heavy metal over the last two or three years, and we want to show everyone how the masters of the form do it. That's not to put down any of the newer hard rock bands, but the truth of the matter is that Purple was a major influence on all of them, so why shouldn't we come back and show them how it's done?

HP: Perfect Strangers certainly does return Purple to the "classic" sound that made the band famous more than a decade ago. How difficult was it to record the album?

RG: Actually, things went quite easily. We got together in Vermont and rehearsed for a few weeks, and just got to know each other again. We'd get together and jam — we didn't even think of playing any of the old songs. As soon as we started playing, the magic that made Purple so great was apparent. There's a chemistry in this band that would be hard to find anywhere else. Then we started getting involved with the new songs, and things went incredibly well. We even surprised ourselves.

HP: You speak about the Purple chemistry, but isn't it true that one of the reasons the band initially broke apart was because of constant bickering and fighting?

RG: That is true, but thankfully we've all grown up a lot since then. When we were having those problems it was because we really didn't know how to handle the success we were having. Instead of working harder once we became successful, we started taking long vacations and forgetting about rehearsals. That led to a lot of friction between the bandmembers, and a split was inevitable. We all realized though, that those years were the best of our lives.

HP: How did the reunion actually come together? We had heard rumors about it for

RG: We all stayed in touch over the years, and there had been discussions about getting together for years. But there was always a problem that prevented it. Either one of us was involved in a project that he couldn't break away from, or the timing wasn't right. This time, however, we knew nothing could stand in our way. We knew it was now or never.

HP: Many people are saying that this is a one-time deal, that after you finish your Perfect Strangers tour you'll all go your own way again.

RG: That's rubbish. We've all made a commitment to keeping Purple together. People forget that this version of the band was together for only four years the first time. It shows how great a band we were when you consider the impact we were able to make in a relatively short time. We'd like to last longer than that this time.

HP: On tour you've been evenly mixing the old material with the new. Don't you think

that most of the people are coming to hear the old sonas?

RG: I'm sure they're anxious to hear things like Smoke On The Water, but we're not an "oldies" band. If we were doing this just to play the old songs and try to recreate 1973, we never would have regrouped. The music we're making today is just as viable and as exciting as the songs from a decade ago. I'm glad people do want to hear the old songs they're some of my favorites as well. But they're reacting to the new songs just as

HP: Why do you think it is that none of the Purple members enjoyed as much success on his own as he did within the band's framework?

RG: It depends how you look at it. Ritchie and I certainly enjoyed our share of success with Rainbow. Admittedly, we never reached the level that Purple had achieved, but you can't say we weren't successful, lan Gillan had an incredibly successful solo career in Europe. He never was able to enjoy much success in America, but that was probably more a record company problem than lan's. In fact, all the band's members have had exciting and successful careers outside of Purple. If we hadn't gotten together none of us would have starved.

HP: What lies ahead for the band? RG: We'll finish this tour then take a few months off to re-energize ourselves, then we'll go back into the studio. We're looking to produce an album a year, and then tour behind it. We want to make Deep Purple the biggest band in the world again, and right now there's nothing that can stand in our way. 🗆



Ritchie Blackmore: His brilliant six string theatrics have once again carried Purple to the top.



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by Andy Secher

Marseille, Touch The Night

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heavy metal. Somewhere along the line however, after one mildly successful major label release, the band unexplicably faded into oblivion. Well, let it be known that Marseille are back, and they're sounding better than ever. On such tracks as Crazy, Reach For The Night and After The Fall, vocalist Sav Pearse, guitarist Marc Railton, drummer Keith Knowles and bassist Steve Dinwoodie show that while they may have lost their initial momentum, there's still time for them to take their rightful place in the rock world. Rating:

Garv Moore. We Want Moore!

It seems like Gary Moore releases a live album every other month. In fact, the British guitar great has had three different in concert compilations emerge over the last two years, each covering different material and being released in different parts of the world. His latest live vinyl venture, We Want Moore!, mixes tracks recorded during his last American, Japanese and British tours into a seamless package of pure rock and roll energy. While Gary's vocals on such tracks as Murder In The Skies and End Of The World leave something to be desired, his incomparable guitar stylings should warm the heart of any metal mad axe fanatic.

Razor, Armed and Dangerous

Attacking their material with the subtlety of a

rhinoceros in heat, Razor plays rock and roll with a volcanic intensity that compensates for the band's lack of musical imagination. Such song titles as Fast And Loud and Hot Metal tell all you need to know about this band's artistic philosophies; they keep it simple and keep it loud. But the results they achieve are not to be belittled — this is Metal with a capital "M."

Vow Wow, Beat of Metal Motion

For many years a band called Bow Wow ruled the Japanese heavy metal scene. Recent personnel changes forced the band to change their name to Vow Wow, and while the moniker may be different, the band's distinctive brand of hard rock action remains intact. Vocalist Genki Hitomi, drummer Toshihiro Niimi, keyboardist Rei Atsumi, bassist Kenji Sano and guitarist Kyoji Yamamoto may now have been passed in terms of popularity by the likes of Earthshaker and Loudness, but their metallic credibility has never been stronger.

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A Guitar Master.

"From the moment I saw him. I knew he was a star," Ozzy Osbourne once said in regard to Randy Rhoads, the fiery guitarist who graced the Oz's first two solo albums with his riveting six string theatrics and songwriting flair. "Randy was the complete musician," Ozzy added. "He knew everything about rock and roll guitar, but he could play classical or jazz just as easily. There will never be another like him — he was a

Few musicians in rock history have made a more immediate and lasting impact on the rock scene than Randy Rhoads. Born December 6, 1955 in Santa Monica, California, the youngest of three children, Randy had an instant affinity for music. As he recalled shortly before his death, "There were always instruments lying around the house when I was growing up. My mother ran a music school, so I was always encouraged to play, and I loved it. We weren't very wealthy. We didn't even have a radio or TV at home, so if I wanted to entertain myself, I had to pick up an instrument and play."

His constant playing soon led him to his mother's music school. Randy would teach classical as well as rock guitar during the day, then go out at night and play in a variety of local bands. One of the first musicians he met on the L.A. rock scene was Kevin DuBrow, then struggling to put together the first version of Quiet Riot. As DuBrow recalled, at first he didn't know what to make of Rhoads, but when he heard him play, his apprehensions quickly disappeared.

"When I first met Randy he was playing with a guy named Smokey," Kevin said. "One day I got a call from Randy and we decided to get together and see what happened. When I first met him I couldn't believe my eyes. He had hair down to his waist, and the nail on his right thumb must have been six inches long. But then he plugged his quitar into a little portable amp he had brought along and suddenly my living room was filled with the most amazing guitar sounds in the world. The guy was unbelievable. He played for about 10 minutes, then turned to me and said, 'Okay, let's hear you sing.' I just looked at him and smiled. I said, 'After what I just heard, I'm not opening my mouth."

The DuBrow/Rhoads partnership was to last three years, during which time Quiet Riot recorded two albums that were released only in Japan. While the albums were of uneven quality to say the least, Rhoads' stellar guitar skills shone like a beacon through the murky musical mix, convincing all who listened that he was a "star in the making." Unfortunately, little became of Randy's career with Quiet

by Don Mueller

RANDY RHOADS



Randy Rhoads: A legend, a true star.

Riot, and after the band failed to garner an American record contract in 1980, he split from the group. Soon after, he was to emerge as the lead guitarist in Ozzy Osbourne's band.

"I was sitting in my hotel room totally exhausted," Ozzy remembered. "I had been listening to different guitarists all day long, and they all were trying to imitate Tony lommi instead of playing their own way. At about 2 a.m. a friend of mine knocked on the door and introduced me to Randy. I don't think I even said hello. I just told him to start playing. When he did I couldn't believe it. I knew right away I had found what I was looking for."

Randy and Ozzy were to record two albums together, Blizzard Of Ozz and Diary of a

Madman, both of which featured many of Rhoads' tunes as well as his unique axe stylings. By the time the second LP was released, he was beginning to receive press attention as "the brightest young guitarist since Edward Van Halen." Then suddenly, just when the world seemed to be his plum, ripe for the picking, it all came to a sudden and tragic end. On March 20, 1982 in Leesburg, Florida, a small plane carrying Rhoads crashed into a house and burst into flames. At the age of 26 Randy Rhoads was dead.

"I don't think his talent will ever be fully appreciated," Osbourne stated, "He was unique as a musician and as a person. So many of us will miss him."

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Rik Emmett (left) and Mike Levine: "What's wrong with being nice guys?"

by Andy Secher

Baseball's Leo Durocher once uttered the famous words, "Nice guys finish last." Despite a series of legal difficulties and record company hassles that have impeded their career progress, Rik Emmett, Mike Levine and Gil Moore — the three "nice guys" who comprise Triumph — have somehow managed to stay at the very apex of the rock world. With their latest album, Thunder Seven, exhibiting the band's ever-expanding songwriting and performing skills, it seems that this Toronto based trio is out to single-handedly prove the fallacy of Leo the Lip's statement.

"What's wrong with being nice guys?" asked the band's smiling drummer Moore. "We're just a bunch of average people who happen to play music for a living. Is that supposed to make us better than anyone else? We're not the type of band that puts on tons of makeup and mounds of glitter before we go on stage. With us it's a lot more basic — we usually just take off the T-shirt we wore to the arena, and put on another T-shirt for the stage. We're aware of our image, but our top priority is putting on a great show, and the only way you can do that is if you're comfortable."

While Triumph may never rival the likes of Twisted Sister or Kiss in terms

of costumed dynamics, the band's stage show is second to none in terms of sheer pyrotechnic excess and eyeblinding wattage. For their current world tour, the boys have pulled out all the stops, traveling across the globe with enough lights to illuminate Broadway for a month and enough explosives to overturn a number of small South American governments.

"The stage show is obviously very important to us," guitarist Emmett explained. "We've always figured that if you're going to play the songs note for note off the albums, there's really no reason for the fans to come to the arena. They might as well stay home where they're comfortable and listen

to the albums. To get them to the shows you need to present something spectacular, and every year we come up with something that's more incredible than the year before. Just when everyone thinks they've seen us do everything when it comes to live presentation, we manage to come up with something new."

"There's a lot of competition out there," bassist/producer Levine added. "We'll occasionally wander into someone else's show just to see what the competition's up to. Some of the tours that were on the road during the last year were absolutely mind boggling. Van Halen comes to mind right away. We know we've got to stay ahead of the competition. Our reputation has been built around our live show, and we take a lot of pride in trying to keep one step in front of everyone else."

Not only has Triumph managed to stay ahead of the competition in terms of their live presentation, but on **Thunder Seven** the band has made a quantum leap ahead in their recording talents. Perhaps the album's most noticeable difference is that most of the tunes, such as Rock Out, Roll On and Stranger In A Strange Land, bear

the songwriting credit of both Emmett and Moore. In the past, the group's songwriting duo always composed material on their own, giving the band's music a schizophrenic quality that annoved listeners and confounded radio programmers. Now, the collaborative skills of Rik and Gil have given Triumph a strength they never

possessed before.

"There used to be a marked difference in our approaches," Rik explained. "I'd be writing the more melodic songs, and Gil would be doing the more rhythm-heavy rockers. It sometimes seemed like Triumph was two different bands. We realized that if we pooled our strengths, we could help one another. Gil could give my songs more power, and I could give his more of a melodic feel. It worked like a charm on this album, and it's something I'm sure we'll continue in the years ahead.'

In light of the band's recent success, the plethora of problems Triumph had to overcome in the past year have become easier to overlook. Not only did the band have to shelve a proposed live album and go to court to get out of their record contract, they also had to make a last-minute change in their album's title. Originally to be called Turn Of The Wheel, the group changed the LP's name to Thunder Seven only weeks before the record's release.

"We had to do that because REO Speedwagon was going to beat us out on the shelves, and they called their album Wheels Are Turnin'," Emmett revealed. "After their record, it would have been ridiculous for us to come out with something called Turn Of The Wheel. We decided to call it Thunder Seven for two reasons. The simple reason is that this is our seventh album. The more complex reason is because it's a term from James Joyce's novel, *Finnegan's* Wake. Joyce divided the world into 10 thunders. The first six were 'industrial,' and the seventh had to do with 'tribal man.' We liked that concept, so we decided to use it as the album title.

"This record has an underlying theme running through it," he added. "Many of the songs have to do with time and the fact that time often moves in circular patterns like a wheel hence the original title — but this isn't a concept album by any stretch of the imagination. Each song stands on its own merit. This is a vital album for us. In many ways it's like a new beginning. We're trying new songwriting combinations, and we have a new record label. We want to make all the hassles we've gone through pay off with positive results.

With the band shifting label allegiances from RCA (their record company for six years) to MCA, Triumph feel that their days of struggle are in the past. They are confident that with increased company support they are

"We've spent our time doing the dirty work, now we want to reach the big leagues."



Gil Moore: "We're ready for massive success."

destined to become one of the most successful hard rock bands in the

We're ready for massive success," Moore said with a broad smile. "We've spent our time doing the dirty work, now we want to reach the big leagues. I'm tired of people asking me why our albums don't go platinum all the time. want to be able to turn to those people and say, 'Okay, we're platinum — what do you want from us now?'"□

out to lunch

by Jodi Summers Dorland

This month we begin a new column designed to give you further insight into your favorite rock and roll stars. Each issue we'll take one of rock's top performers out to lunch to discover if food does indeed make the man. This month's lunch muncher is former Styx guitarist Tommy Shaw.

"You know what's worse than a cold Big Mac?" asks Styx member Tommy Shaw as he finally gets a break from conversation to bite into that masterful construction of bread and meat sitting in front of him. "Not much. Maybe a warm beer."

With that comment Tommy initiated Hit Parader's newest idea for giving you inside information on your favorite rockers, Out To Lunch. Tommy Shaw, the "cute as a button" blond guitarist was in New York recently discussing his departure from Styx — the band he joined in 1975, and with whom he road the platinum coattails to stardom. Between bites of his luscious lunch — a burger, fries and a Coke — Tommy spilled the beans about Styx, his eating habits and his minor obsessions.

"When I left Styx, I missed it for about 15 minutes," Tommy reveals. "In retrospect, when I was with the band, I thought about running away and never coming back. I found myself all of a sudden having to sneak around to do what I wanted to do — record the songs I was writing. And it burt.

"I first realized I had to get out about three years ago, when I was at a club in London. I was having a great time, people I respected in the business were around. I was right at home, but I realized that even though Styx was a big, famous band, there was no way that my music was going to get played in that club. And in my heart I knew I fit right in with these people — but for some reason the music I was recording didn't."

That realization led to the recent release of his first solo album, Girls With Guns — a collection of 10 straight-ahead rock and roll cuts. Mind you, Shaw's hard pop isn't about to make Ozzy Osbourne tremble in his boots, but it isn't exactly the techno-pop flash that Styx produced either. Tommy explains that the album was fun to make, and that's how it sounds; Girls With Guns is unquestionably a "fun" album, one that is perfect for playing in your car as you cruise down the highway of life.

"The thing I accomplished with this album was that I finally got peer respect," reveals Tommy as he slides a shoestring french fry down his gullet. "I developed the album in my car, listening to it on the tape player. So as a result, I've had people comment that it is a great car tape. What this record actually is is a disc made from a cassette."

"Unfortunately, I can't listen to it in my car," Tommy continues between french fries, "I keep

Tommy Shaw



Tommy Shaw: "Big Macs are too big to eat right before you go on stage."

getting tickets so I'm staying off the highway between Chicago and my farm in Michigan. The cops keep getting me from behind, and it's always the same guy. The last time I got pulled over I told him, 'I've got to pee real bad and that's why I was going fast.' I really did have to pee and I could see the truck stop down the road. I was hoping maybe the truth would get me off, because I'm a terrible liar. But before the guy even looked at my license he said, 'Aren't you Tommy Shaw? Do you realize you were doing 92?' I told him, 'My car only registers 80,' I had given this guy an album last time he stopped me so he said, 'I'll give you a ticket for 72.' Now I can't get a ticket for another year. I just can't follow the speed limit. I guess I should go on tour with Sammy Hagar.'

As shown by his road exploits, Tommy is one guy filled with nervous energy. After throwing the half-eaten Big Mac back into it's nifty yellow Styrofoam home with a thud, he moved on to his Coke. Jerking the straw up and down through its little hole in the fast food cover, in a very peverse way Tommy gets the container to make a hee-

haw sort of noise.

"I remember in Florida when I was a little kid seeing the sign that said 'over 1 million sold.' I wanted to be 1 million and one. After a while, McDanald's hamburgers get to be like rock and roll. After you've worked your way through Denny's and up to penthouse restaurants, you know you can always go back to your basic Big Mac.

"I just hosted a rock show from Tokyo, Japan, and I was walking down the street in the ginza (Tokyo's major shopping area) and I was saying, 'You know, one of the nice things about traveling in a rock and roll band is that you get to sample all sorts of fine cuisine all over the world.' And as I was saying this, I spotted a *McDonald's*. So, of course, I went in, got a Big Mac, an order of fries and a Coke.

"But remember, Big Macs are too big to eat right before you go on stage," he says as advice to young rock hopefuls. "You shouldn't eat anything before you go on, otherwise you can puke your guts out on stage, and most fans don't like that."



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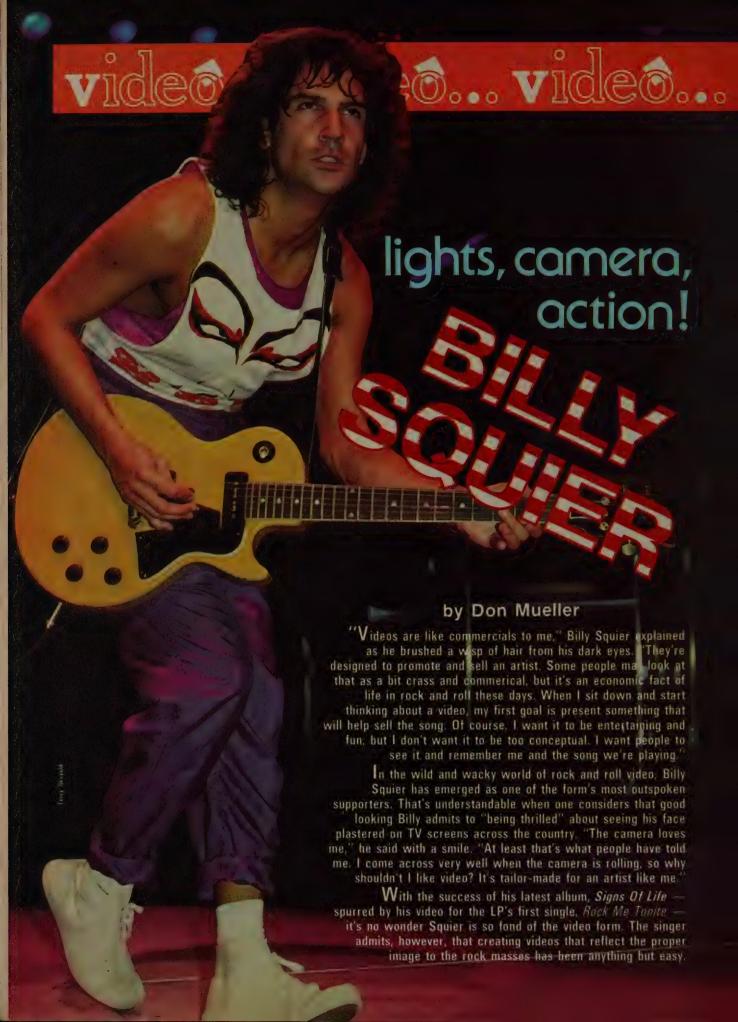
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"Videos have always presented a problem for me," he revealed. "I had always done live clips up until the release of Emotions In Motion. Those were easy to do, but the technology of video is advancing so quickly that simple live videos are being left in the dust. That's why I decided to put aside a couple of weeks after I recorded Emotions to work on a couple of clips. But unfortunately, I was very unhappy with the way the album sounded, so I had to go in and remix the whole thing. That took all the time I wanted to spend on the videos, and since I was committed to go on the road with Queen, I had to release a clip I wasn't really satisfied with.

"The same thing happened this time," he added. "I put aside a couple of weeks to do the video for Rock Me Tonite, and planned to work with Bob Giraldi, who's best known for working with Michael Jackson. I thought working with Bob would give me my big chance to make a great video, but things just didn't work out. I discovered that a lot of video directors have little understanding of the artist they're working with. They know everything about making videos but they want you to perform in their video, while my idea was to have someone like Bob help me make my video.'

Billy was quick to add that some of the ideas proposed by Giraldi for the video were not only wrong for Squier's hard-rocking image, but a few of them were downright embarrassing. "Would you want to see me flying over houses dressed as Peter Pan?" he asked with an inquisitive smile. "That was what Bob wanted to do with me. He thought it would be 'cute.' I sat down with him and calmly said, 'Bob, this is rock and roll, not Walt Disney,' He didn't seem to understand what I was trying to say. I felt like I was banging my head against the wall. There I was with my video time dwindling down to a few days, and I had accomplished nothing.

After his disappointing experience with Giraldi, Squier knew there was only one way to satisfy himself - plan and film the video on his own. With limited time before beginning his American tour, Billy sequestered himself away and carefully drew up his own storyboard for Rock Me Tonite. While he admits that the video is far from what he had hoped to accomplish, he's very proud of the finished product.

"I don't think the video is on the same level as the album," he explained. "I'm still a lot more accomplished at creating music than I am at video, but I'm learning quickly. The concept of the clip was very good, and the execution was good, but if I had more time I would have embellished the clip a lot more. I like the idea of featuring the band and myself in rock related scenes. I don't see any reason to have us jumping off mountains or crashing cars. No matter how conceptual we may become on later clips, I'd always like to have some shots of the band playing rock and roll. After all, that's what this is all

Despite the difficulties he's encountered in completing his recent videos, Squier quickly admitted that he's grown to love the medium almost as much as the music itself. Aside from its obvious promotional advantages, filming video clips has provided Squier with the opportunity to polish his acting skills - something he'd like to try on a higher level in the years ahead.

"I'd definitely like to try my hand at making movies," he stated. "I'm not talking about a rock-related film; I'm talking about a traditional Hollywood silver screen epic. There's not much difference between standing on stage entertaining people by playing music or standing in front of a camera making a movie. I may be wrong, it may be a lot more difficult to make a movie, but I want to try it anyway."

Billy insists, however, that Hollywood will have to wait until his rock and roll career has run its course. Unlike some performers who limit their touring time in order to balance more than one career, Squier's fondness for spending upwards of eight months a year on the tour trail stands as an obvious roadblock to any immediate work outside of the rock realm.

"I really don't have time for anything else at this point in my life," he said. "I worked for so long to get to where I am today, I'd be foolish to throw it away just to take a chance at making movies. Anyway, I love playing rock and roll more than anything. It's the single most important thing in my life. When I'm spending more than half the year on the road, then spending most of the remaining time writing new material and recording, I'd be foolish to even think about exploring any new career directions. Maybe I'll think about it more seriously in a couple of years. But right now that will have to wait. I just want to get on stage and keep on rocking."

Ross Marino



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by Andy Secher

Dee Snider is cool, calm and collected when he's away from center stage. But if you want to rile Twisted Sister's blond vocalist, just tell him that his band is nothing more than an image-conscious heavy metal group. Sure, Dee won't deny that image has played an important role in Sister's recent rise to fame — especially through their inventive use of video — but he adamantly insists that underneath the mounds of hair, outrageous costumes and wild makeup lurks the heart of a great rock and roll band. We recently caught up with Dee during a stop in Twisted Sister's current national tour and had an in-depth conversation about the role image, and video, has played in making these bad boys from the suburbs of New York a true rock and roll phenomenon.



The boys in the band are joined by "Flounder" and "Niedermeyer" from their videos.

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Hit Parader: Why has Twisted Sister always relied on such a bizarre appearance? Dee Snider: When you're a band that's struggling for recognition, you'll do just about anything to get noticed. All I've ever wanted to be was a rock and roll star, it's the only thing I've ever dreamed about. A lot of guys dream about making a million dollars, becoming president or going to bed with their favorite actress. For me it was always rock and roll. I decided very early on, by 1976, that maybe I didn't have the best voice in the world, and maybe I couldn't write the best songs, but I was going to make it anyway. That's why when I joined Twisted Sister, I wanted to take everything totally over the top.

HP: What originally motivated Twisted Sister to wear makeup and absurd clothing on stage?

DS: We were always into people like Alice Cooper and the British glitter bands — the groups that added a lot of theatrics to their music. We decided to take what Alice was doing and move it one step further to the left. We used to walk into the fat ladies' shop and pull our stage costumes off the rack. Believe me, when you live in a tough part of Long Island, you've got to have guts to walk to a gig in a dress and makeup.

HP: Why did you tone your image down? The band we see in your videos is outrageous, but not as off-the-wall as Twisted Sister used to he

DS: That's true. I'm not wearing dresses anymore. We haven't sold out by any stretch of the imagination, but our image has become a little more conservative. A few years ago we realized that if we ever wanted to get a major label deal, we'd have to tone it down a little bit.

HP: How seriously does Twisted Sister take their image? Bands like Motley Crue look and act the same whether they're off stage or on. Is that true for you as well?

DS: No. We don't take the image that seriously. What we do take seriously is the music. If someone wants to say I look like a fag on stage, that's okay - the whole purpose of dressing the way we do is to get a reaction — but if they criticize the music, I'll kick their butt. Our stage look is something we save just for the shows. I'm not going to run around with makeup on my face if I don't have any reason to.

HP: Let's talk about your videos. Both We're Not Gonna Take It and I Wanna Rock, have a unified story line. Who came up with the idea of casting the character of Niedermeyer in your clips?

DS: That idea was mine. I'm a freak for the movie Animal House, and my favorite character from the movie was Niedermeyer. Ever since I saw that movie, I take on his personality when I'm in the studio with the band --- I become the guy who shouts out,

"Give me 20, mister!" I love Niedermeyer, so when we started planning the video for We're Not Gonna Take It, the record company asked me if there was anyone I wanted to have in this clip. The only person I could think of was Niedermeyer.. They said, "Sure, we'll get him." When they did that, I knew that Twisted Sister had arrived.

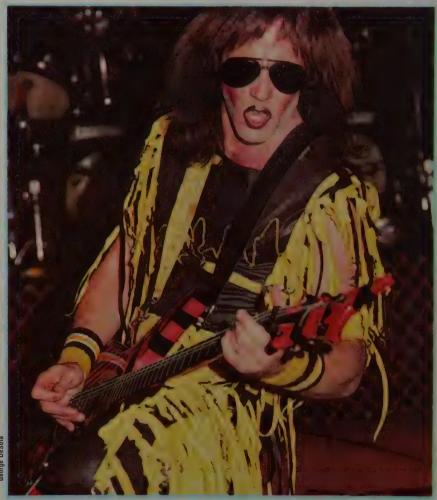
HP: Niedermeyer really got his lumps in the videos. How did he react to that? DS: The actor who plays Niedermeyer is named Mark Metcalf, and he's just a great guy. There's one scene where I have to pull him down a flight of stairs by the hair. He took it like a real trooper; he's a pleasure to work with, and since he's my hero, I was thrilled to have him on the set with us. He's a real pro.

HP: You continued the Animal House theme of We're Not Gonna Take It on I Wanna Rock. In fact, didn't you bring in another character from the movie on that clip?

DS: Yes, we had the guy who played Flounder come in and spray Niedermeyer in the face at the end of the video. We figured that was the final indecency. In Animal House Niedermeyer gave Flounder such a tough time about his pledge pin. He put him through hell, so in a way / Wanna Rock is Flounder's revenge.

HP: Why do you think the videos were so effective in conveying Twisted Sister's music? DS: There were a couple of reasons. The first one is that the songs were real heavy metal anthems. They were great tunes. If they weren't, the videos wouldn't have made any difference, no matter how good they may be. The second reason is because kids like to hate somebody — that's one of the appeals of heavy metal - and Niedermeyer was the most hated man of the last six months. You could look at him and hate him, and then when he opened his mouth, you hated him even more.

HP: It seems that Twisted Sister enjoys playing up the parents vs. kids approach. DS: It's something I can relate to, so I imagine that's true. The type of music we play and the way we look is every parent's nightmare, so I guess in some ways we are standing up for the kids against their parents. That comes across in the video, and it's in the songs as well. But that's the basic attitude of rock and roll; you like it because your parents hate it. Let's face it, if your mother liked Judas Priest, you'd probably listen to John Denver just to annoy her.



Jay Jay French: He once was in a band with Kiss' Gene Simmons and Paul Stanley.



INSTRUMENTALLY SPEAKING

-by Michael Shore-

It seems like a long, long time ago that Ibanez was one of the many enterprising companies making good, if not great, guitars at more than average value for the money. Yet the company couldn't get a break in the eyes of the guitar buying public because they had the wrong name. In those days, the right name was Gibson or Fender. Of course, times have changed, and Ibanez guitars are now used by a wide range of recording professionals as well as by tighter budgeted and unsigned pickers.

The reasons for Ibanez's popularity are apparent all over again with their introduction of a batch of new electric guitars. All of these new axes illustrate Ibanez's commitment to quality and to giving the modern rock guitarists what they not only want, but need: durability, flashy looks, smoking hot sounds. More particularly, all of these new Ibanez guitars have bodies made entirely or mainly of basswood and/or birch, which are among the most resonant of woods. This enhances not only the guitar's durability and playability but also the instrument's sustain. The sustain and clarity as well as playability of these beauties is further enhanced by the superduper baseplate that anchors the new Pro Rock'r fine tuning tremolo bridge (with, of course, locking nut clamp), standard on all the new models.

· First off, Ibanez has expanded its very popular Roadstar line with several new additions, all under the Roadstar II Deluxe banner. Top of the line are: the RS1300 - with an arched birdseye top on its Stratshaped basswood body, single piece maple neck with flat radius rosewood fingerboard and two Super 58 humbucking pickups:

and the RS530 —which differs only in its body's flame-maple top, its distinctive IBZ humbuckers, which are coil tapped to play in either single coil or humbucking mode and black chrome hardware. Take away the flame-maple top and black chrome hardware, and you have the slightly cheaper RS520.

The Roadstar II Deluxe series also features more Strat-styled instruments. These have contoured basswood and birch bodies and three pickup configurations as well as the Pro Rock'r tremolo and single piece maple neck with flat radius rosewood fingerboard standard. The RS430 has three new V7 single coil pickups, with bar polepieces for a meaty, nasty, scorching sound. The RS440 has two Super 7 single coil pickups in the neck and middle positions, and a new V5 humbucking lead pickup with bar polepieces and coil tap for



the Ibanez RS520



the RS530



the RS1300

dual-sound operation and extreme tonal versatility. Both guitars feature 5-way blade selector pickup switching.

Then there's the new Ibanez "X" series, comprising the DT250 and DT350 guitars. Again, there is the single piece maple neck with flat radius rosewood fingerboard, the basswood and birch body for super

sustain and resonance, and the Pro Rock'r locking, fine-tunable tremolo bridge. The "X" relates mainly to their Explorer-style, futuristic body shape. Both models feature the hot new V5 humbucking pickups with blade-polepiece design. The DT250 is slightly higher priced because it has black chromed hardware and a beautiful body design with the

edges specially sculpted and contoured for a super-sleek look that reflects stagelight in a very special way.

What makes all of this especially great news for guitar players are the price tags: between \$280 and \$600. In other words, for this kind of quality and molten hot sound, a real steal. □



the Ibanez RS430

the DT250

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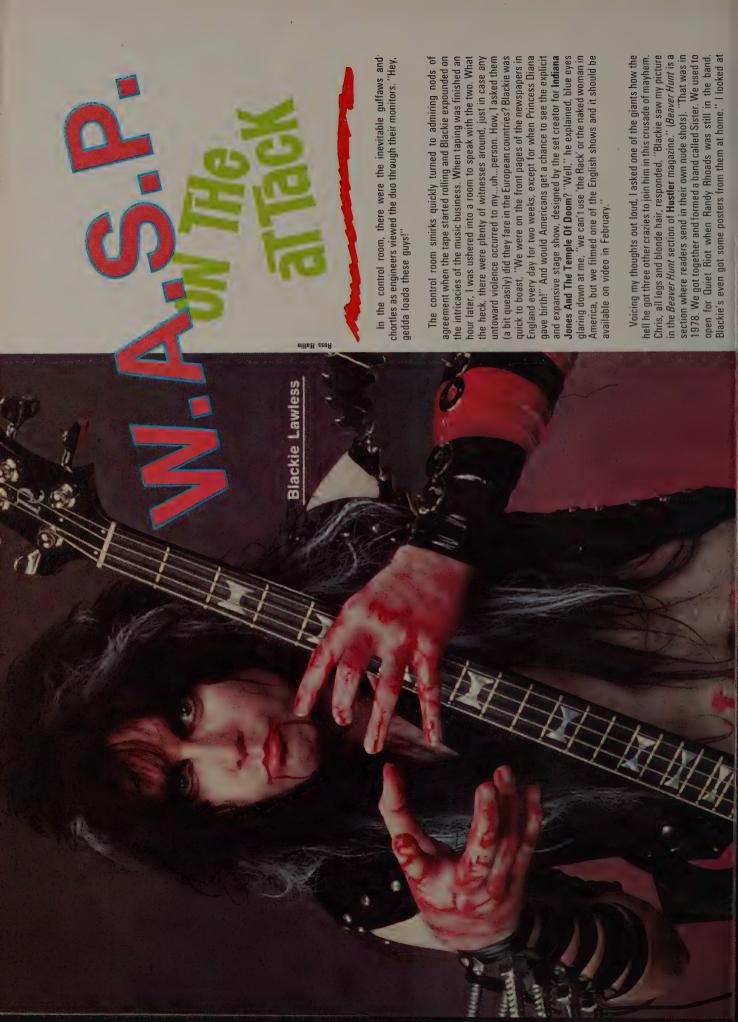
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Lawless Brigade Sets Out On Path Of Metal Destruction.

by Adrianne Stone

"We're taping an interview with Blackie Lawless and Chris Holmes of W.A.S.P. for **Hit Parader's Heavy Metal Heroes** TV show," my editor informed me. "I want you to be there," he ordered, "and tell our readers what kind of guys these two are." I reminded myself shakily that W.A.S.P. did unheard of things to women on stage (naked, bound women!) and were known for other nefarious acts which would cause most sane people to shudder with fear and repulsion. Among others, they were rumored to have invented more uses for live rats than a hungry boa constrictor. Not to mention something they were reputed to do with raw meat on stage. Thus, it was with a little more than mild trepidation that I undertook my assignment.

Nevertheless, I found myself debarking a crowded crosstown Manhattan bus and walking (a bit wobbly-kneed, I'll admit!) toward National Video Center, where the taping was to be held. I tried to ignore the nagging thought that my gender alone was enough to place me in perilous danger if perchance I found myself alone with

I caught up with the two W.A.S.P.ers in the makeup room where

they were prepping themselves for the interview. Nothing special, just a little skin toner and eyeliner for the cameras. The first impression I had was of their extreme height. Teetering close to 6 feet in my boots, I still felt like a pygmy at a basketball game around these giants. Blackie, standing about 6'7" in his low heels and Chris, at about 6'8" in his, barely noticed me.

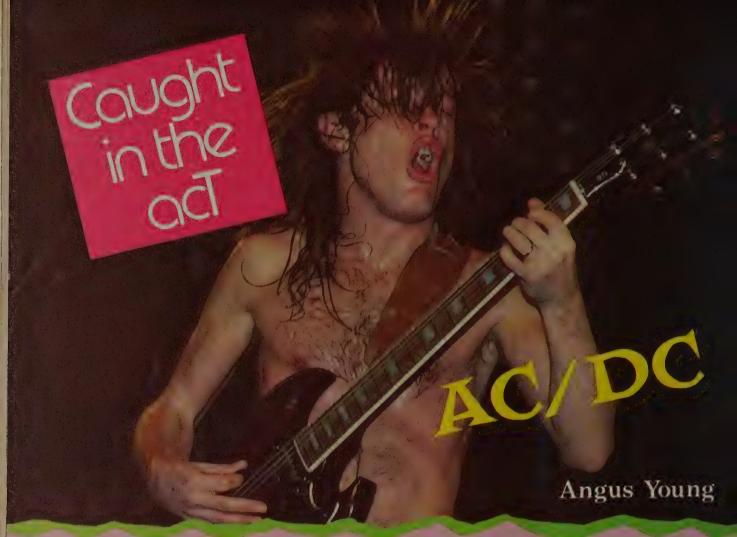
The two of them, outfitted in simple jeans and leather jackets looked the quintessential rockstar types. Tall, long haired, lean men apparently with not a care in the world, save what melody goes with what hook line — but here, I found I was deadly wrong. You see, in the case of W.A.S.P. there is certainly more going on behind the leather 'n' codpiece imagery than meets the eye.

Blackie and Chris were led into the studio and seated. Assistants scurried about, filling the duo's cups with Jack Daniels and 7-Up. Just back from a 27 city tour of Europe and Japan, the pair were to soon be joined by their two other cchorts, Randy Piper (guitars) and Steve Riley (drums) to start an American tour with Swiss rockers Knotws. Their premier disc, W.A.S.P. had gone to number 74 in the American charts without the benefit of touring or airplay. This video interview was specifically arranged to introduce W.A.S.P. to American audiences via television.

"I was looking for the closest thing to penitentiary inmates and I think I found them."

Blackie. He was still glaring at me. Ulp...er...and then what? "I was looking for the closest thing to penitentiary inmates and I think found them," joked Blackie. "You take four very colorful people and put them together and you get nitroglycerine wrapped up in a package that says 'rock and roll' on it." And the stage outfits (buzzsaw blade codpieces, open-back leather trousers, etc.)? "I tell you something," asserted the dark haired bassist, "W.A.S.P. used to have an 80 percent male audience. Then we started wearing the pants with the holes in the back and the front and the audience doubled because of all the females that started attending. Other bands went to boutiques for their stage gear. We went to junkyards and hardware stores for ours."

bodily harm. Blackie was hit by a bottle in the face at a show in Stockholm, Sweden and Randy was clubbed in the ribs with a bottle women's groups, or such?" The mammoth rocker laughed, "All the over to his side of the stage and there was Chris lying flat on his Evidently, Chris wasn't the only member of W.A.S.P. to sustain The lights were being systematically shut off in the studio and show. By now, my terror had thawed to a mild fear and I felt brave and Chris' guitar part came, but I didn't hear anything. So, I looked Evidently, some of the kids brought their own meat to throw at us, workmen were tearing down the set in preparation for the next inquired, "has there been any violent reaction to your shows — any time! Only the violence we see is usually from our audience. back, with our roadies bending over him trying to revive him. and he must have gotten hit with a side of beef or something, because he was out cold, seeing stars. I thought he was shot!" Sometimes they get carried away. One night, I was singing Animal.. enough to venture forth with a few more queries. "Blackie," at another show. And how does Blackie envision American audiences embracing W.A.S.P.? I asked him as we are escorted out to the street. "At the end of the day, it's the music that stands up. On the average, 10 bands came out of L.A. this year. But, only 2 or 3 will survive because of their songs and nothing else." Is that W.A.S.P.'s motto—survival of the fittest? "Yeah," answered Mr. Lawless, "Rock and roll was meant to be sweaty and smelly...and that's W.A.S.P.!" So, there you have it, readers. W.A.S.P.: A Requiem for madness served up as volatile escapist fare. A rock and roll circus of solid metal supported with soaring harmonies. There are certain incongruities here, but it sworth checking out when they come to your town. What the hell ... I walked out of it alive!



Mitch Rosten

by Hank Thompson

When you haven't played a live show in nearly six months, most bands would shy away from making their return in front of 50,000 crazed metal maniacs — but then AC/DC has never been most bands. Having been on vacation since the end of their U.S. tour in March, 1984, the band chose to return to the concert trail by headlining England's massive Castle Donnington "Monsters of Rock" festival. Closing the show after performances by Motley Crue, Ozzy Osbourne and Van Halen, AC/DC knew the pressure was on, but as always the boys from down under were up to the challenge.

"We were able to rehearse for a few weeks before the gig," the group's vocalist Brian Johnson explained. "Our set is like riding a bike — once you learn you never forget. We performed the same set we played on the road earlier in the year, so we didn't have the problem of working in new material and learning new songs. After a few hours of practice, it was like we had never left the road, it felt totally natural to us."

Despite Johnson's claims, it was apparent that AC/DC's first steps on stage were tentative ones. As the band hit the footlights to the raucous chords of Hell Bells, even "blur-of-motion" Angus Young seemed a bit unsure of his stage maneuvers. But, in time the band hit its stride, cranking out such metal anthems as Highway To Hell, Back In Black and Flick Of The Switch. Unfortunately, just as Angus was warming up, Johnson's voice began to give way.

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"No matter how much rehearsing you do, you just can't get your voice trained for getting on stage," he said shortly after the group's performance. "I sang myself hoarse the first few days of practice, and I thought I had my throat in pretty good condition. But when you're in rehearsals I

guess you're always holding something back; even when you're not trying to. Once you get on stage it's a different experience, and my voice did suffer at Donnington. But it was fun, and the crowd got off on it."

Indeed, the metal masses seemed to get off on every note the band played. Having been pummeled by decibels all day long, the throng was a bit punch drunk by the time AC/DC hit the stage, but Angus' guitar histrionics quickly had them on their tired feet cheering for more. Despite the barrage of empty beer and soda bottles that barraged the band during their set (a festival recreation), it seemed that the band was enjoying the show as much as the fans.

"We don't socialize together when we're not on tour,"
Johnson said as he relaxed after the group's 90 minute
performance. "We live all over the place — from Hawaii
to France — so when we do get together it's like a family
reunion. We have the time of our lives. That's what
Donnington was to us. I'm English, so it was a
homecoming for me. For the rest of the lads it was a
chance to get together and play some music, which is
what we live for."

Following their Donnington performance, the band headed for the Continent where they headlined eight more festival shows. While the group steadfastly refused to play any new material during their shows, Johnson stated that an album's worth of songs have been written and that a new AC/DC album should be heading our way shortly.

"We've never believed in playing songs in concert that nobody knows," he said. "The fans come to hear the ones they know — the old things. We'd be taking advantage if we played new things to them. We are looking forward to finishing work on the new material and then playing those songs on our next tour. We'll be in America by spring, and that's when everyone will hear the new songs played live. And I can tell you that they won't be disappointed."

PATBENATAR



Family Takes Precedence Over Touring For Diminutive Vocalist.

by James Curtis

"I'm growing up, it's that simple," stated Pat Benatar in regard to the recent changes that have taken place in her life and her career. With a baby on the way, and a new album, Tropico which replaces the hard driving rhythms of Benatar's earlier LPs with a more polished and sedate sound — Pat has unquestionably made a number of major decisions about her future.

'Having a baby has been a big maturing process for me," she said. "It's something I wanted to do. Neil (husband/guitarist Neil Geraldo) and I realized that the band and our careers would be put on the back burner for a while if I were to have a baby. It's something we thought about for a long time - when to have the baby so we could fully enjoy the experience, yet not do irreparable damage to our careers."

Benatar's solution to the dilemma was fairly simple. She's recorded one of the finest albums of her seven year career - an LP strong enough to keep her securely in the public eye, despite the fact that she will be unable to tour in support of the disc. As shown on her recent hit We Belong, Tropico displays a new side of Pat Benatar — one that may alienate some of her longtime hard rock supporters — but one that will win a new legion of fans for this petite Brooklyn, New York native. Yes, the four octave voice is still there, and Geraldo's ringing guitar leads still give the music a cutting edge, but as Benatar is quick to admit, she's come a long way since such numbers as We Live For Love and Hit Me With Your Best Shot rocketed her to stardom.

'I came to the realization that I wanted to feel comfortable with the songs I was performing, she said. "I'm not indicating I don't like the music we've made in the past, but I've got to look ahead and see how comfortable I'm going to be singing some of those numbers five years from now. I made a conscious decision to add more emotion to the music this time. We're not trying to confuse the fans who've stood by us over the years. There's still plenty on the album that they can relate to. But this time, we've recorded with the future in mind. I haven't changed — it's more of a natural evolution.

One must wonder how the life of a housewife

and mother will be accepted by a performer who has spent the first part of the 1980s touring the world. Somewhat surprisingly, Benatar says that she's looking forward to staying off the tour circuit for a while.

"I'm domestically inclined," she explained. "Even when we're on the road, I tend to spend a lot of time in the trailer cooking and cleaning. I find that to be very satisfying, so staying at home and taking care of my husband and my baby will be very natural for me. I'm not saying I won't miss going on tour a little. I love performing and I enjoy seeing the fans, but there are other aspects that I won't miss at all."

Benatar is surely not retiring from the road. Her current plans call for her to return to touring by late May or June. For Pat, however, looking that far ahead is virtually impossible at this

'The only thing that really interests me at the moment is the baby," she said. "I can't tell you how excited I am about being a mother. Nothing will ever replace music in my life, but for right now the idea of motherhood is the most fulfilling thing to me."□

behind the lines

by Adrianne Stone

Goodness... the past month has been so busy, I've barely had time to dust off the studs from my leather jacket...

Starting off my month of mayhem was the Overkill/Anvil show at New York's premier rock club, L'Amour. Overkill, a New York quartet, put on a head thrashing, fist smashing eve of metallic splendor with their set of original tunes (from their four song EP, Overkill on Ironworks Records). Curly blond-haired singer Bobby "Blitz" Ellsworth was nearly pulled into the audience by overzealous fans, and by the time the foursome launched into their encore tune, Overkill, Bobby took a swan dive into the teeming, cheering crowd.

By the time Anvil took the stage, much of the mania had worn off, though they played a competent set of new tunes. Hopefully, the Canadian quartet can get themselves signed to a major label before they burn themselves out doing the American club circuit.

Probably the most exciting band I've ever seen is Loudness, who played at L'Amour for two nights recently. The band, a four piece unit from Japan, played 90 minute sets each night, to a packed-

like-sardines audience. Musically, the boys from the land of the Rising Sun performed a flawless display of musical virtuosity. Most notable were the guitar heroics of Akira Takasaki, who was greeted with thundering applause. The sound system was perfect (Japanese technology!), the lights were awesome and the various selections of the evening (including two encores) were nothing short of phenomenal.

Loudness, you may remember, released several albums in Japan (available only as imports in the U.S.) and were signed to Atlantic Records this year. Although the earlier albums are sung in Japanese with just a smattering of English phrasing, their newest LP **Thunder In The East** is recorded completely in English in an attempt to win over the American market.

During their live set, one most amusing aspect was vocalist Minoru Niihara's attempt to speak to the audience in accented, though, fluent English. Probably the funniest point of the evening was when Minoru greeted the audience with a very American sounding, "Herrro, Muddas!" You can be sure we'll be hearing more from this quartet in the near future.

Let's see what's happening on the gossipy side of Heavy Metal. According to our source in England, guitar mistress Lita Ford has been seeing an awful lot of her idol, Tony lommi. She even jammed on stage with him at New Jersey's Capitol Theatre during a special guitar festival that also featured Journey's Neal Schon. The blonde guitarist was supposed to take her band on the road in the U.S. with British mashmetallists Motorhead sometime in November, but the tour has been scrapped until the release of her next album. No details yet on why...

Phil Mogg has put together a new incarnation of UFO. The band features bassist Paul Gray, Atomic Tommy M (from San Francisco), and drummer Robbie France. Rumors continue that guitar legend Michael Schenker may be returning to the UFO fold as well.

Manowar tour manager Paul Clarke busted his hand recently after getting into fisticuffs in Europe with Ross the Boss' guitar roadie. Seems Paul knocked the guy out, in the process cutting his hand so severely that he was hospitalized for infection, and threatened with amputation of the offending limb. Nobody ever said being a tour manager would be easy...

Looks like I'm out of space already... my Editor promised he'd unchain me from my typewriter if I promise to tell you all about the Queensryche and Kiss show in next month's column. I swear I'll even give you details!! Really!!



Tony Iommi (left) and Lita Ford: More than a student/teacher relationship?

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BURNING IN LOVE

(As recorded by Honeymoon Suite)

DERRY GREHAN

What did I say to ya What did ya see me do That made ya turn to stone overnight I thought I played it right Lovin' you deep in the night But the chain of love is broken now Why can't we start again 'Cause my heart Won't mend But you say no Then you go And I break down. And I am still A lonely man burning in love

I am still A lonely man burning in love. What did he say to ya

What did he promise you That made you change from white to

black I don't understand it It seems so underhanded I want to hate you but I'm still in love Why can't we start again 'Cause my heart won't mend But you say no

Then you go And I break down. And I am still

A lonely man burning in love I am still A lonely man burning in love.

(Repeat chorus)

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I WANNA GO BACK

(As recorded by Billy Satellite)

DANNY CHAUNCEY MONTY BYROM IRA WALKER

I've been listenin' to the radio Her song reminded me of long ago Back then I thought that things were never gonna change It used to be that I never had to feel the pain.

I know now that things will never be the same I wanna go back And do it all over Can't go back I know I wanna go back 'Cause I'm feelin' so much older But I can't go back I know.

I recall hangin' out on Friday night My first slow dance hopin' that I'd get it right Back then I thought I would never ever stand alone It used to be that a lonely heart was never shown.

I know now that things will never be the same I wanna go back And do it all over Can't go back I know I wanna go back 'Cause I'm feelin' so much older But I can't go back I know.

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SUNSHINE IN THE SHADE

(As recorded by The Fixx)

CYRIL CURNIN **ADAM WOODS** PETER GREENALL DAN K. BROWN JAMES WEST-ORAM

Sunshine warming the small of my back

Whatever virtues I lack You can't see till I move Until I move in the shade Sunshine in the shade Sunshine in the shade Sunshine in the shade.

But then inside Sometimes I feel so cold Catching these self-thrown blows But enough of the future I see A shadow belonging to me Sunshine in the shade Sunshine in the shade Sunshine in the shade.

Every man climbs a mountain with the hope to make a stand Every man makes a mountain of his life a master plan.

> Always hope Light in the dark Always hope Light in the dark Gives me hope Sunshine in the shade Sunshine in the shade Sunshine in the shade.

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I LOVE YOU LOVE ME LOVE

(As recorded by Joan Jett and The Blackhearts)

GARY GLITTER MIKE LEANDER

We're still together after all that

we've been through
They tried to tell you I was not the
one for you
They didn't like my hair
The clothes I love to wear
They didn't realize that I was strong

I love you love
You love me too love
I love you love
My only true love
I love you love me love.

enough for two.

The things they said about the two of us were lies
I knew they couldn't see the sparkle in your eyes

They said I wouldn't care
They didn't know that we were just
two angels in disguise.

I love you love
You love me too love
I love you love me love
I love you love
My only true love
I love you love me love.

So here we are alone
We made it on our own
And though they tried they can't
deny
The way I really showed 'em.

I love you love
You love me too love
I love you love me love
I love you love
My only true love
I love you love me love.

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(As recorded by Autograph)

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Turn it up
I'm workin' hard you're workin' too
We do it ev'ryday
For ev'ry minute I have to work
I need a minute of play
Day in day out on we go
Things go better with rock

The only time I turn it down Is when I'm sleepin' it off.

Turn up the radio
I need the music
Give me some more
Turn up the radio
I wanna feel it
Gotta give me some more.

Now listen
I wanna shake I wanna dance
So count it off 1, 2, 3
I hear the beat I'm in a trance
No better place to be
Day time, night time, any time
Things go better with rock

I'm goin' twenty-four hours a day I can't seem to stop.

Turn up the radio
I need the music
Give me some more
Turn up the radio
I wanna feel it
Gotta give me some more.

Turn up the radio I wanna feel it Gotta give me some more.

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FOOLISH HEART

(As recorded by Steve Perry)

STEVE PERRY RANDY GOODRUM

I need a love that grows I don't want it unless I know With each passin' hour Someone somehow Will be there Ready to share.

I need a love that's strong I'm so tired of being alone But will my lonely heart Play the part Of the fool again Before I begin.

Foolish heart Hear me calling Stop before you start falling Foolish heart Heed my warning You've been wrong before Don't be wrong anymore.

Feelin' that feelin' again I'm playin' a game I can't win Love's knockin' on the door Of my heart once more Think I'll let her in Before I begin.

Foolish heart Hear me calling Stop before you start falling Foolish heart Heed my warning You've been wrong before Don't be wrong anymore Foolish heart Foolish, foolish heart You've been wrong before.

Foolish heart Hear me calling Stop before you start falling Foolish heart Heed my warning You've been wrong before Don't be wrong anymore Foolish heart.

Oh foolish, foolish heart You've been wrong before.

Foolish, foolish heart Foolish heart.

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NAUGHTY NAUGHTY

(As recorded by John Parr)

JOHN PARR

I put my hand on your stocking I was movin' nice and slow Let my fingers do the walking And there ain't far to go.

Don't tell me "I don't wanna be a girl like that" Do you wanna see a grown man cry You don't wanna be a girl like that Baby this could be the first time This could be the first time.

Naughty naughty Loud and bawdy T-t-t-tease me Take it easy Hug and squeeze me Naughty, naughty, naughty I'm a naughty, naughty guy.

Bedroom eyes that undress me Take me cut me to the bone Lace and satin pressed against me Should we call a chaperone.

Don't tell me "I don't wanna be a girl like that" Do you wanna see a grown man cry You don't wanna be a girl like that Baby this could be the first time This could be the first time.

> Naughty naughty Cute and horny T-t-t-t-tease me Take it easy Hug and squeeze me Love outta line.

With your hair hung down And your dress ridin' high And your eyes burning hot like the

Kiss me hard squeeze me tight Gonna love you alright 'Cause I'm a naughty naughty naughty guy.

You don't wanna be a girl like that Baby this could be the first time This could be the first time.

> Naughty naughty Cute and horny T-t-t-tease me Take it easy Hug and squeeze me Naughty naughty naughty I'm a naughty naughty.

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DON'T WAIT FOR HEROES

(As recorded by Dennis DeYoung)

DENNIS DeYOUNG

I've got my dreams I know you think that's crazy But I won't give up 'Cause I've got this burning desire in Oh baby it's me.

While the world sleeps I sit up all night thinking And making my plans 'Cause there's something special ahead for me Something ahead for me.

So don't you tell me that I'm wasting my time ruining my life And that the odds against me are a million-to-one don't be concerned I'll take the heat for all the chances I'm gonna take Mistakes that I'll make Just wait and see

> So don't wait for heroes Do it yourself You've got the power Winners are losers

You're gonna hear from me.

Who got up and gave it just one more try One more try One more try I've got my dreams I've got my dreams.

If you're waiting for that miracle train to call out your name And if you think the rainbow always finds someone else never yourself Just look inside and find that spark that's burning in you Follow it through The light you find Well it could change your life.

Don't wait for heroes Think for yourself Make your own choices You know it's easy To follow the crowd But my advice is Don't wait for heroes Believe in yourself You've got the power Winners are losers Who got up and gave it just one more try

Hey yeah Give it one more try Let's go.

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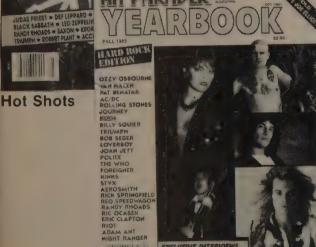
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CALL TO THE **HEART**

(As recorded by Giuffria)

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Can I ever live without you girl Get back on my feet again Now I'm lost in your world.

And there's no simple way to let you When you've seen such a part of me And though you choose to walk a

> separate road I still believe in you.

So I call to your heart Hear me calling to you Oh I call to your heart I'm calling to your heart.

Distant voices in the silent night Call to a memory Someone touched me but it don't feel right It's only you I need.

> Believe me When I call to your heart Hear me calling to you Oh I call to your heart I'm calling to you Calling to you Hear me call to your heart.

Your love I lost along the way But darling I'll find you someday.

> Callin' to you Hear me call to you Hear me callin' to you.

Darlin' you remember the dreams that we had

I'd give ev'ry thing my world to hold you again And darlin' together We can make it work out So stay with me baby I need you there.

I call to your heart I've been calling you back again Can you hear all the times when I Call to your heart Hear me calling to you Callin' to you Call to your heart Oh I call to your heart Hear me callin' to you Callin' to your heart.

To your heart.

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LACK OF COMMUNICATION

(As recorded by Ratt)

CROUCIER PEARCY

Too many problems the world can't solve Too many people no one wants to

be involved

(Lack of communication back off).

Keep rearranging it's all the same Always saying someone else is to blame (Lack of communication back off). Look all around you you're standing tall Hold tight no one's gonna answer your call (Lack of communication back off). Put up our boundaries we build our walls

It's all right no one's gonna chase us at all

(Lack of communication back off).

Time's passing us by We have our reason No one wants to cry We have our reason Questions asking why We have our reasons Problems still arise We have our reason Back off.

You're so together you fall apart You never miss when you're shooting Straight for the heart (Lack of communication back off).

You see it your way I'll see it mine Conversation is a useless change of time

(Lack of communication back off).

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SEE YOU IN HELL

(As recorded by Grim Reaper)

NICHOLAS BOWCOTT STEPHEN GRIMMETT

See you in hell Can I make you an offer You can't refuse I keep my eyes on you 'cos I tell you that you lose Now you can come with me to a place you know so well I will take you to the very gates of hell.

> See you in hell my friend See you in hell my friend See you in hell my friend I'll see you in hell See you in hell my friend See you in hell my friend See you in hell my friend I'll see you in hell yeah.

See you in hell The choice of ten of many sins can be yours Half my kingdom for the choice is

yours You can take it anytime that you

need Beg steal or borrow all you've got to do is plead.

See you in hell my friend See you in hell my friend See you in hell my friend I'll see you in hell See you in hell my friend See you in hell my friend See you in hell my friend I'll see you in hell ooh yeah.

Come with me I will take you down to the very debts of your soul And I'll make you burn See you, see you in hell See you, see you.

Can I make you an offer You can't refuse I kept my eyes on you 'cos I told you that you'd lose

Now you can come with me to a place you know so well Like I told you at the very gates of hell.

> See you in hell my friend See you in hell my friend See you in hell my friend I'll see you in hell See you in hell my friend See you in hell my friend See you in hell my friend I'll see you in hell. (Repeat)

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PINK WORLD COMING DOWN

(As recorded by Planet P Project)

TONY CAREY

There's a pink world Comin' down Child there's a pink world And it's comin' down.

In a quiet little valley by the sea
I hear the calling and it calls for you
and me
So leave your riches and your
houses on the hills
Cancel all your credit cards
And settle up your bills.

'Cause you won't need them anymore

Close down the factories
Blow up all the stores.

'Cause there's a pink world Comin' down Child there's a pink world And it's comin' down.

Once I stood in New York City with a sign sayin'

"The end is comin' friends
Repent while there's still time"
I will admit that no one really seemed to hear
They would laugh and point their fingers
At my sandals and my beard.

But now they'll listen when I say

I have proof 'Cause I read it In the supermarket today.

There's a pink world
Comin' down
There's a pink world
And it's comin' down
And it rolls like an avalanche
And it will sweep you away
Yes it rolls like an avalanche
And it will carry us away.

La la la la La la la la Well it's a pink world.

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EYE ON YOU

(As recorded by Billy Squier)

BILLY SQUIER

I watch you on the TV
You're with me every place I go
I'm caught up in the daydream
I'm into everyone you know
Turn on the action
Grab every minute
Learn every lesson
Then live to regret it
I'm so distracted
My mind's disengaged
Sharin' the moments
When you're all the rage.

I got my eyes on Got my eye on you Got my eyes on Got my eye on you.

Those overnight conditions
Always get the best of you
You're fuelin' my suspicions
I'm taken by the sneak preview
You got the numbers
You got no limits
One day you're out
But the next day you're in it
You find the answers
You know what to say
Give us our reasons
For livin' today.

I got my eyes on Got my eye on you Got my eyes on Got my eye on you Got my eyes on Got my eye on you Got my eyes on Got my eye on you.

We share the laughter
And pain when you're in it
Bring on disaster
'Cause we know you'll win it
We're all believers
So watch what you say
Turn on those feelin's
I can't look away.
(Repeat chorus)

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MONEY CHANGES **EVERYTHING**

(As recorded by Cyndi Lauper)

TOM GRAY

I said I'm sorry baby I'm leaving you tonight I've found someone new He's waitin' in the car outside Oh honey how could you do it We swore each other everlasting love

I said well yeah I know But when we did There was one thing we weren't thinking of.

> But that's money Money changes ev'rything I said money Money changes ev'rything.

We think we know what we're doing But that don't mean a thing It's all in the past now Money changes ev'rything.

They shake your hand And they smile and they buy you a drink

They say we'll be your friends We'll stick with you till the end Ah but everybody's only Looking out for themselves And you say well who can you trust I'll tell you it's just Nobody's else's money.

> Money changes ev'rything I said money Money changes ev'rything.

Ya think va know what you're doing We don't pull the strings It's all in the past now Money changes ev'rything.

> Yeah yeah yeah Money Money changes ev'rything I said money Money changes ev'rything.

We think we know what we're doing We don't know a thing It's all in the past now Money changes ev'rything.

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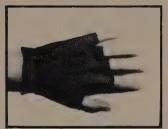


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I WANT TO KNOW WHAT LOVE IS

(As recorded by Foreigner)

M. JONES

Gotta take a little time
A little time to think things over
I better read between the lines
In case I need it when I'm older.

This mountain I must climb Feels like a world upon my shoulder Through the clouds I see love shine It keeps me warm as life grows colder.

In my life
There's been heartache and pain
I don't know
If I can face it again
Can't stop now I've traveled so far
To change this lonely life.

I want to know what love is I want you to show me I want to feel what love is I know you can show me.

I'm gonna take a little time
A little time to look around me
I've got nowhere left to hide
It looks like love has finally found

In my life
There's been heartache and pain
I don't know
If I can face it again
I can't stop now I've traveled so far
To change this lonely life.

I want to know what love is I want you to show me I want to feel what love is I know you can show me.

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VALOTTE

(As recorded by Julian Lennon)

JULIAN LENNON JUSTIN CLAYTON CARLTON MORALES

Sitting on the doorstep of the house
I can't afford
I can feel you there
Thinking of a reason
Well it's really not very hard
To love you even tho you nearly lost
my heart
How can I explain
The meaning of our love
It fits so tight
Closer than a glove.

Sitting on a pebble by the river playing guitar
Wond'ring if we're really ever gonna get that far
Do you know there's something wrong
Cos I've felt it all along.

I can see your face in the mirrors of my mind
Will you still be there
We're really not so clever
As we seem to think we are
We've always got our troubles
So we solve them in the bar
As the days go by
We seem to drift apart

If I could only find a way to keep hold of your heart.

Sitting on a pebble by the river playing guitar
Wond'ring if we're ever gonna get that far
Do you know there's something wrong
Cos I've felt it all along.

Sitting in the valley as I watch the sun go down
I can see you there
Thinking of a reason
Well it's really not very hard
To love you even tho you nearly lost my heart
How will we know when the charge

is gonna come
I've got a good feeling
And it's coming from the sun.

Sitting on a pebble by the river playing guitar
Wond'ring if we're really ever gonna

get that far

Do you know there's something

wrong

We'll stick together cos we're strong.

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CONCEALED

(As recorded by the J. Geils Band)

SETH JUSTMAN PAUL JUSTMAN

Buried treasure all that hidden loot
She didn't seem so dangerous
Harmless yeah to boot you
Break the ice she'll turn on you
She's way beyond the law
She yells freeze when you want her
to thaw

She's a dead aim sure shot sweet
Ammo in her shoe
What fits right at her chest
She's got aiming right at you
She'll make a sharp inspection
Of more than head to toe
Then she'll slap her handcuffs on
An' say honey you can't go.

Stick 'em up
Stick 'em up woa
Concealed weapons
The most dangerous you ever saw
Stick 'em up
Concealed weapons
Concealed weapons
They ought-a be against the law.

You might have her covered

But there ain't no way to stop her She's got her secret weapons And there's no way she will drop 'em She can change hands turn around and take a fancy shot If you can put the bullet into her cartridge slot Spread 'em out palms down Up against the wall You been had but you ain't sad No army you can call And when she pats you down You best not take a risk Speak not move not When she starts to frisk.

Stick 'em up
Stick 'em up woa
Concealed weapons
She's gonna beat you to the draw
Stick 'em up
Concealed weapons
Concealed weapons
They ought-a be against the law.

Bup ba da da da Bup ba da da da Bup ba da da da da Bup ba da da da.

She didn't know that she was packin'
She didn't know my heart was
crackin'
She was shootin' with live

ammunition
She was attacking from ev'ry

position She had me pinned down flat on the floor

She blew me away and I was hurtin' for sure.

Concealed weapons
Concealed weapons

They ought-a be against the law Stick 'em up Stick 'em up

Concealed weapons

Stick 'em up Stick 'em up

Concealed weapons It's as dangerous as you ever saw

Stick 'em up Stick 'em up

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She's gonna beat you to the draw

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Let me tell you 'bout those concealed weapons

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KNOCKING AT YOUR BACK DOOR

(As recorded by Deep Purple)

BLACKMORE GLOVER GILLAN

Sweet Lucy was a dancer
But none of us would chance her
Because she was a Samurai
She made electric shadows
Beyond our fingertips
And none of us could reach that
high
She came on like a teaser
I had to touch and please her

I had to touch and please her Enjoy a little paradise
The log was in my pocket
When Lucy met the Rockett
She never knew the reason why.

I can't deny it
With that smile on her face
Oh it's not the kill
It's the thrill of the chase.

Feel it coming
It's knocking at the door
You know it's no good running
It's not against the law
The point of no return
And now you know the score
And now you're learning
Ah ha what's knockin' at your back
door.

Sweet Nancy was so fancy
To get into her pantry
Had to be the aristocracy
The members that she toyed with
At her city club
Were something in diplomacy
So we put her on the hit list

Of a common cunning linguist A master of many tongues And now she eases gently From her Austin to her Bentley Suddenly she feels so young.

I can't deny it
With that smile on her face
Oh it's not the kill
It's the thrill of the chase.
(Repeat chorus)

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PERFECT STRANGERS

(As recorded by Deep Purple)

BLACKMORE GLOVER GILLAN

Can you remember
Remember my name
As I flow through your life
A thousand oceans I have flown
Oh and cold, cold spirits of ice
All my life
I am the echo of your past.

I am returning
The echo of a point in time

And distant faces shine
A thousand warriors I have known
Oh and laughing as the spirits
appear
All your life
Shadows of another day.

And if you hear me talking on the wind
You've got to understand
We must remain
Perfect strangers.

I know I must remain inside this silent well of sorrow.

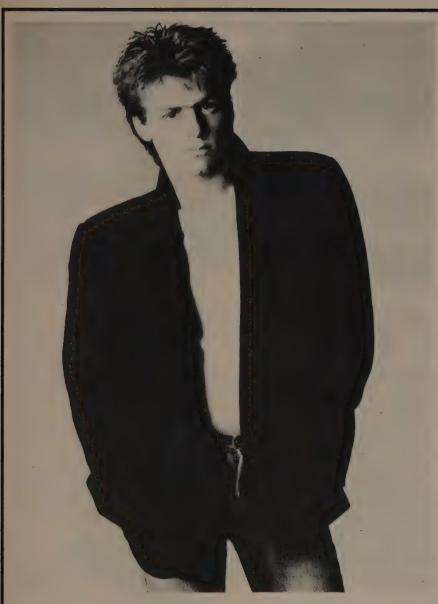
A strand of silver
Hanging through the sky
Touching more than you see
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Oh is aching with the dead of the night
Oh precious life
Your tears are lost in falling rain.

And if you hear me talking on the wind
You've got to understand

You've got to understand We must remain Perfect strangers.

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RUN TO YOU

(As recorded by Bryan Adams)

ADAMS **VALLANCE**

She says her love for me could never die That'd change if she ever found out about you and I Oh but her love is cold It wouldn't hurt her if she didn't know

'Cause when it gets too much I need to feel your touch.

I'm gonna run to you I'm gonna run to you 'Cause when the feelin's right I'm gonna run all night I'm gonna run to you.

She's got a heart of gold she'd never let me down

But you're the one that always turns me on You keep me comin' 'round.

I know her love is true But it's so damn easy makin' love to you.

> I got my mind made up I need to feel your touch.

I'm gonna run to you Yeah I'm gonna run to you 'Cause when the feelin's right I'm gonna stay all night I'm gonna run to you Yeah I'm gonna run to you Oh when the feelin's right I'm gonna run all night I'm gonna run to you.

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STONE IN YOUR HEART

(As recorded by Molly Hatchet)

RONNIE BROOKS TOM DeLUCA HAROLD E. TIPTON

Is this how it ends We're strangers again It's over but you won't explain No kiss goodbye No one final lie Just cold to the bone From the ice that's running thru your veins.

You got stone in your heart Stone in your heart Like a wall that's keeping us apart Stone in your heart.

Don't you recall The fire at all You melted in your arms ev'ry night But now you forget No passion no sweat

You poured out your love Now you're telling me the well is dry.

You got stone in your heart Stone in your heart Like a wall that's keeping us apart Stone in your heart. Run away and hide Keep it inside Make believe we never happened All you're gonna do Is keep foolin' you Some day you'll find Love's been passin' you by.

If we're gonna fight Let's do it right I want to get it over now There's no feeling left No pride to protect You don't want my love I don't need you here to weigh me down. (Repeat chorus)

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TONIGHT

(As recorded by David Bowie)

IGGY POP DAVID BOWIE

Everything will be alright tonight Said everything will be alright tonight

> No one moves No one talks No one thinks No one walks **Tonight** Tonight.

Everyone will be alright tonight Everyone will be alright tonight

> No one moves No one talks No one thinks No one walks

Tonight Tonight.

I am gonna love you till the end I will love you till I reach the end I will love you till I die I will see you in the sky **Tonight**

Tonight. Everything will be alright tonight Everything will be alright tonight

No one moves No one talks No one thinks No one walks **Tonight**

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MORNING DEW

(As recorded by Blackfoot)

DOBSON ROSE

Walk me out in the morning dew baby

Please walk me out in the morning

I can't walk you out in the morning dew

I can't walk you out in the morning dew today.

I thought I heard a young girl cry like a baby

Thought I heard a young girl cry You did not hear no young girl cry You did not hear no young girl cry today.

Well I thought I saw a flash in the sky this morning

Thought I saw a flash in the sky today

Well the earth it trembles and the sky is no longer blue

Now there is no more morning dew Now there is no more morning dew today

For what they've been saying all these years has come true

And now there is no more morning dew oh today

No more morning dew today Won't you please walk me out in the morning dew.

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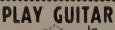
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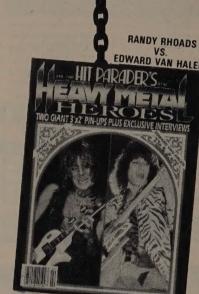
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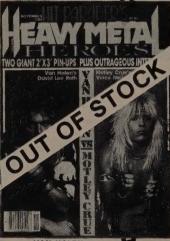


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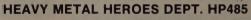


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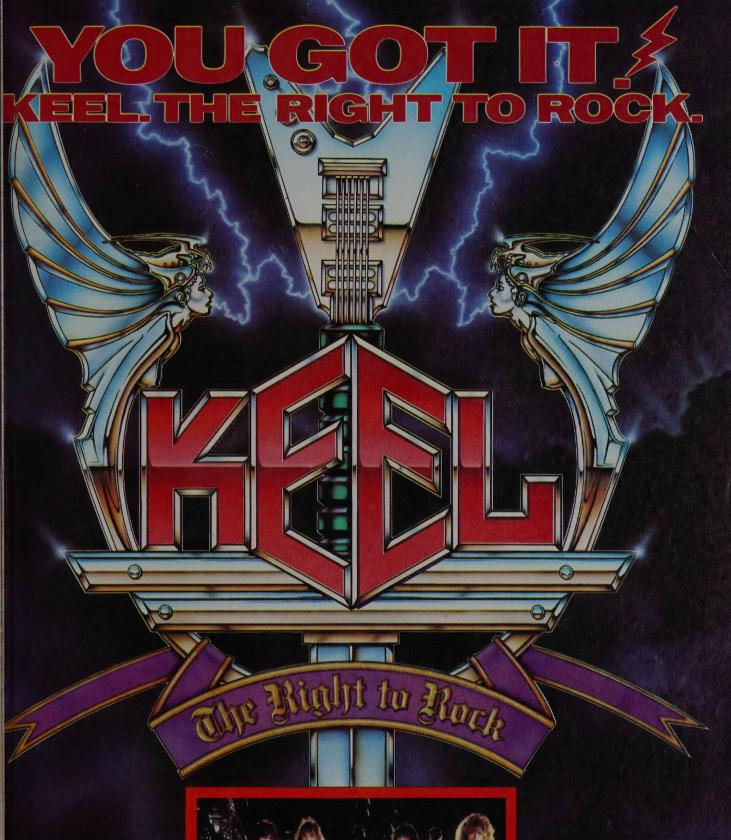
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